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# Major wins battle for referendum

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Vote will take place if Tories decide to join currency union

THE Cabinet will agree today to hold a referendum on a single currency if the Conservatives win the next election and decide to join a single European currency.

The decision will be a victory for the Prime Minister over Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine, who have fought against the

It is expected that the announcement will be made in a statement from Conservative Central Office and say that the referendum pledge will be included in the Tory Downing Street officials last night refused to comment on what they described as "speculation".

Last night Mr Major sent Cabinet members a 10-page paper on the implications of a referendum written by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary. The Prime Minister has held meetings with the Chancellor over the last two weeks in an attempt to persuade him of the merits of promising that a Tory Government would not replace the pound with the euro Without first gaining the assent of

the British people in a referendum. As late as Monday, Mr Clarke was strongly resisting such a proposal and some of his friends were saying yesterday that he might resign if over-ruled by the Prime Minister. But some ministers have said throughout that it was inconceivable that the Chancellor would quit over such an issue, dismissing the rumours as part of the elaborate game of bluff.

Mr Clarke's decision to give ground will alarm pro-European MPs but will delight the Tory

Right, who believe that the Chancellor has too much power and that he is the obstacle to a more populist, tax-cutting, sceptical agenda for winning the next election against the odds

Mr Major's standing will be boosted in right-wing circles, but he does risk renewed sniping from

The threat by billionaire finan-cier Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party to field candidates at the next election wherever neither the Tory nor Labour candidate is a big factor behind the Govern-ment's change of heart.

But Sir James, together with leading Euro-sceptics such as Norman Lamont, wants a referendum on all aspects of Britain's European destiny, and not just on a single currency. Today's pledge will not stop Sir James, who is prepared to spend £20 million on his campaign.

Mr Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, has also opposed a referendum in principle, but more than Mr Clarke, has been prepared

to recognise the pressure within the Tory Party, at Westminster and in the country, for such a commitment. It is understood that Mr Heseltine has acted as a gobetween in the negotiations be-tween the Prime Minister and the

Chancellor. It is understood that Mr Clarke has been given a "collective responsibility" concession by Mr Major in

The Prime Minister has decided that if a future Tory Cabinet -

join the first wave of countries to adopt the euro the following year. ministers would have to resign their posts if they wanted to campaign for a No vote. Euro-sceptic ministers are broadly content with this because they think that the prospect of a sizeable minority walkout would make it harder for a future Tory Cabinet to

go ahead with the euro. Plebiscites were last held in 1979 on Scottish and Welsh devolution. In 1975, the country voted in a referendum to stay in Europe.

> John Redwood, page 16 Leading article and

# **Building society** chief dismissed over expenses

By Patricia Tehan, Robert Miller and Carol Midgley

THE chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society was dismissed yesterday after only three months in the £300,000 post, amid allegations that he misused com-pany cars and facilities.

Peter Robinson was told that he had lost the trust of his. fellow directors after an internal audit brought the incidents to light. A six-figure sum is said to have been involved. Since becoming chief execu-

tive in January, Mr Robinson is said to have borrowed two cars, including a Range Rover. for his family's use in addition to his company Jaguar, and to have used Woolwich decorators to carry out work on his £450,000 Kent home, which he then charged to the society.

The alleged abuses were reported by the auditors last week — while Mr Robinson was on holiday in the West Indies - and a senior group of the society's non-executive directors met on Sunday to consider the allegations.

When Mr Robinson returned to England the next evening, he found a letter from

the chairman, Sir Brian Jenkins, telling him not to attend the monthly board meeting yesterday because the directors would be considering the case made against him. He was officially told that

the board had lost confidence in him after that meeting and his predecessor, Donald Kirkham, will resume office until a replacement is found.

In a tightly worded statement, the Woolwich said only that Mr Robinson had resigned. Sir Brian said: "Neither Mr Robinson nor the society believe it to be appropriate to comment further at this stage. The normal busi-ness of the society is entirely. unaffected. The society's assets and members' funds remain. unimpaired."

The dismissal could not have come at a worse time for the Woolwich, Britain's third biggest building society, which announced in January that it intends to turn itself into a bank with a £2.5 billion stock market flotation. At the time, Mr Robinson made himself unpopular by describing new

savers who would not benefit from the free shares that will be issued on flotation as Within the society, Mr Rob-

inson was known as a hatchet man — but while he was cutting costs, he was accused by colleagues of extravagance in his own expenses: when he was appointed chief executive. he was said to have knocked his new office through to his

Mr Robinson's first contact with the Woolwich came as a 14-year-old schoolboy when his mother took him into the local branch at Bexleyheath and opened a savings account. When he finished his educa-

tion at Erith Grammar School and the City of London Polytechnic, he returned to the society as a management trainee and worked his way up the ladder through various exeucive positions before becoming deputy chief executive in 1986 and managing director When appointed chief exec-

utive, he was hailed as a dynamic glamour boy amid the traiditional backdrop of the society, and he is known as one of Kent's most flamboyant

He owns a six-bedroom mock tudor home feauturing a swimming pool and tennis courts, in Brasted, where his lives with his wife Janice - his former secretary - two teenage daughters and two golden



Peter Robinson: only three months in £300,000 job

Colin Cowdrey and Alec Stewart and has more than 50 centuries to his name. He is also captain of both Bex-

London, a regular face at the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall and still a playing mem-ber of the MCC.

are multi-millionaires and my sister in Canada is a successful dress designer. I am the east important of them all. But my mother thinks I have done the best because I have

### An accomplished cricketer. leyheath and Bromley cricket But he insists that beside the dazzling lifestyles of his sibhe is president of the Kent clubs, a Lords Taverner and done it the hard way." The Woolwich will now be Continued on page 2, col 7 enthusiastic member of West lings his is pedestrian: "People Cricket League and as a might say I've got a big ego, but I've got two brothers who former batsman for Kent Colts Kent Golf Club in Orpington. He is a Freeman of the City of Robinson's Kent house

Two hairs may solve mystery

of the kidnapping of Shergar

Labour rebels Thirty-one Labour MPs defied the party leadership by opposing a measure to rush through anti-terrorist

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TWO hairs taken from Shergar by student souvenir hunters more than a decade ago may finally prove the kry to unlock the mystery of what happened to the £10 million Derby winner after he was kidnapped in 1983.

They will be used by an

Irish laboratory which has been told by "genuine contacts" that it is to be sent the champion's body for identification by genetic screening. The horse is said to have been exhumed in Donegal

John Flynn, head of Weatherby's Bloodtyping Laboratory in Co Kildare, hopes to extract DNA from the remains and compare them with the

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nairs taken by two veterinary students during a visit to Shergar's stable in Ballymany. If they match, "the evidence indicating that they came from the same horse would be overwhelming". Should Mr Flynn and his

team make that connection. they will lay to rest one of the great unsolved mysteries. Shergar, ten-length winner of the 1981 Derby, was abducted from the Aga Khan's Ballymany stud in broad daylight in 1983, rocking the racing industry and making a laughing stock of the police. A £2 million ransom was

demanded, but negotiators

lost contact with the kidnap-

ers, concluded that Shergar died within days of being seized and that he was probably taken by the IRA. But all attempts at confirming the horse's fate have failed. Three years ago, the convicted criminal Sean O'Callaghan signed an affidavit saying that

pers within a week. An inde-

pendent investigation for the

Aga Khan, who had syndicat-

ed the horse to 40 sharehold-

after his abduction. But that did not satisfy the insurers. Now, however, Mr Flynn believes that he may be able to resolve the matter. "In theory we can be successful," he said.

Shergar was put down hours

because there is no record of Shergar's DNA profile. But the two hairs could prove priceless and further hints can be extracted from what remains of the 35 horses sired by Shergar in his brief career as a stud. X-rays taken during his career might also help.

Des Leadon, head of clinical pathology at the Irish Equine Centre, which houses the bloodtyping laboratory, told the monthly bloodstock journal Pacemaker & Thoroughbred Breeder: "Whatever their motives, all of the parties interested in Shergar's recovery run the risk of discrediting themselves if this conclusion is



the building ... Come on out"

### BSE pressure

Britain came under fierce pressure at a meeting of European Union farm ministers in Luxembourg to take more radical steps to calm public panie in Europe over "mad

The process is complicated SPORT ......38-42, 44 LAW REPORT .....20 CHESS & BRIDGE...... 39 COURT & SOCIAL.....18 **MEDIA & MARKETING 21** 

# Army gets tough with Cyprus troublemakers

By Michael Evans, Defence correspondent

BRITISH soldiers and airmen serving in Cyprus will be sent home in disgrace if found guilty of breaching proper standards of behaviour off duty and upsetting the local

The instant punishment for servicemen and women who misbehave in bars and nightclubs will be outlined today, following public revulsion over the killing of the Danish courier Louise Jensen.

The measure, which will be enforced even if the serviceman involved has his family living with him, is one of veral steps taken to try and reinstate the forces' good image after three soldiers from the Royal Green Jackets were sentenced last week to life imprisonment for the killing. Air Vice-Marshal Peter Millar, commander of British

forces in Cyprus, is to visit bases today and tomorrow to address everyone serving on

Army sources said the option of sending a soldier home from Cyprus had been available for the last 14 months, but following the outcry over the killing and the reaction to Army statements after the sentencing, there is to be a renewed effort to impose the strictest code of behaviour.

Persistent troublemakers would probably face summary disciplinary action such as a fine as well as being sent home. Once in Britain, they would be sent to serve with another unit.

General Sir Charles Guthrie, the Chief of the General Staff, and the other members of the Army Board have been shocked by the critical reaction towards the British forces in Cyprus. They were stung by criticism of Brigadier Arthur Denaro, the Chief of Staff in Cyprus, who said it was not the Army who had been on trial but the three soldiers from the Royal Green Jackets.

Ministry of Defence sources said the Army took full "institutional responsibility" for the conduct of its soldiers.

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# Leaders depart for Easter dancing and sidestepping

ohn Major and Tony Blair left Westminster for their Easter break in shin-kicking good spirits. Blair accused Major of leading a hopeless and divided party and Major accused Blair of stupid PR stunts. Both men looked surprisingly

It was perhaps rash for the Labour leader to kick off on the subject of referendums, which he accused the Prime Minister of favouring merely as a device to conceal splits in

Major went on to remind cheering Conservatives that it was Blair who had just announced a referendum within his own party, to approve its manifesto - as a way of dealing (claimed Maion with splits in his own

Blair sounded momentarily shocked, as though he hadn't himself made the link, but came back confidently. "I'll have more support in my the Conservative Party. "I'm referendum," he said, "than surprised," crooned Major in the Prime Minister can find in

beginning to dance as he speaks. Standing at the dispatch box yesterday he started holding his arms outstretched and aloft, bobbing slightly, and grinning as he spoke. It was rather fetching and infuriated the government benches.

For his part Mr Major sounded relaxed and not displeased with the world or his place in it. Citing examples of disagreements on Europe within the Opposition he finished with the triumphant cry: "The Labour Party is as



split ... " Every detached viewer must have finished the sentence for him: " ... as the Conservative Party." But the Prime Minister thought better of that ending. "... As can be!" he declared. Phew!

Mr Blair waved his arms again, but it was Kate Hoey (Lab, Vauxhall) who unwittingly set her leader up for the Prime Minister's departing

punch. She challenged Major to make good the offer she believed (through the weekend press) he was holding out: a television debate with the Labour leader. "Name the day, she trilled.

You do say the nicest things," replied a grinning Prime Minister.

Ah, he continued, Labour wanted a debate, did it? He

recalied trying to goad a Labour incumbent into just such a debate when he had been a young Tory challenger. He could recall the response he received: "Go and sort out your policies first and then I'll consider these stupid PR

Odd how accurately Mr Major's memory served to bring him the precise quote from all those years ago - an era, in fact, when the phrase "PR stunt" was hardly in currency. Odd, too, how well the quote fitted his present purpose. People who think of

Major as some kind of guileless ingénue do not begin to understand him.

Mr Major is never offguard in the chamber. Michael Brown (C. Brigg and Cleethorpes) could easily have led him to a gaffe. Mr Brown had taken the opportunity to sing the praises of Grimsby and Cleethorpes' fish. Frankly, Brown will sing the praises of anything from Cleethorpes. He would sing the praises of a toilet roll, if it came from Cleethorpes. Now was his chance to invite the nation. scared about beef, to eat

Cleethorpes fish. He took it. The Prime Minister eyed this question warily.

A) he wished to oblige a loyal backbencher: B) he did not wish to upset fishermen from rival ports; C) he must avoid being accused of giving the beef panic another sur. Major paused to consider these objectives.

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Yes, indeed, he replied, the nation should eat Grimsby and Cleethorpes' fish. "Or fish from other places." And after that, he added, they should tuck into a good plate of beef.

# Farm ministers press Hogg for cull of BSE herds

IN LUXEMBOURG, ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

BRITAIN came under fierce pressure at a meeting of European Union farm ministers in Luxembourg last night to take more radical steps to calm the public panic in Europe over "mad cow" disease. Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-

ture Minister, was accused of blocking progress towards an agreement on a rescue plan for the beef industry by resisting demands for the culling of cattle from infected herds.

In the Commons, John Major was urged to break the impasse with unilateral action to reassure the public and prevent the loss of jobs and businesses. Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said: "Jobs are being lost, small farms, small firms are going to the wall because of delay and indecision on BSE. There are steps you could take without waiting for Brussels. Act now where you can, rather than stand there wringing your hands waiting for Brussels to open the door."

The Prime Minister angrily rejected the demands. He said Mr Hogg was "making good progress" and would "keep negotiating until a package of measures is agreed".

In Luxembourg, the prospect of an early end to the



Douglas Hogg outside the meeting yesterday

European Union's global ban on British beef exports receded. Mr Hogg's plans for the destruction of 4.6 million cattle over the next six years as they come to the end of their productive lives won broad backing, but European farm ministers also want BSE-infected herds killed. Only such action, they believe, will restore public confidence.

One senior French source suggested Britain should adopt the French approach under which any herd that has had just one case of BSE is slaughtered. But this would entail the destruction of half Britain's dairy herd.

Mr Hogg was criticised for failing to propose any detailed plans for culling BSE-tainted herds. While other ministers made no public criticism, their

through diplomatic channels. We would have liked Britain to come up with firm proposals, but they have not." one German diplomat said.

The diplomat accused Britain of keeping the EU in the dark over the extent of the spread of BSE in British herds and repeated German de-mands that all British herds with any past cases of BSE should be "eradicated".

Some British farmers ac-cused Mr Hogg of dragging his feet over the issue. We have a collapse in the market," one farmer observer at the meeting said. "When you have that written in big block capitals, you should act."

But there were was support for Mr Hogg from the Country Landowners' Association which said that a mass slaughter of cattle in their prime would be totally unjustified and do nothing to reduce the incidence of BSE, bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

As the emergency meeting continued into the night, there was agreement over measures to intervene in the beef market as prices continued to fall. The European Commission is to buy up to 50,000 tens of beef across the EU this month at guaranteed prices. Despite opposition from Germany and Belgium, Britain secured a concession to include steers



Ken Sharp, a Liverpool father of two. He died unable to recognise his family

# Businessman, 42, is latest suspected victim of CJD

42-YEAR-OLD businessman is believed to have become the latest victim of the human form of mad cow disease. Ken Sharp, a father of two who died at the weekend with his family at his bedside, had been ill for a year with suspected Creutz-feldt-Jakob disease, the human equivalent of BSE. Mr Sharp, from Childwall,

Liverpool, who owned an auto-electrical business, was at the end unable to recognise

suffered from little problems such as spilling his tea and becoming forgetful. It was only when he put up wallpaper like a jigsaw that his wife realised something was seriously wrong. A specimen of his brain has been sent to the Edinburgh and it is expected that the cause of death will be confirmed in a couple of

Mr Sharp had been treated at the Walton Neurology

Doran, a consultant neurologist who treated Mr Sharp. said: "We won't have a definitive diagnosis for some time but, as in all suspected cases, there was a 50 per cent chance he was suffering from CJD. If he was, then he is a compara-

Mrs Sharp said yesterday: "My husband was not a great meat eater, no more, no less than anybody else. Mentally, Ken died back in June and we are just coming to terms with

# Germans panic over confusion at medicines ban

By Roger Boyes in bonn and Robin Young

THE British pharmaceutical industry reacted with incredulity yesterday to a renewed panic in Germany in which it was claimed that the German Government had ordered the withdrawal from sale of pharmaceuticals using products derived from cattle, whatever

their country of origin.

The German Federation of the Pharmaceutical Industries strove to reassure Germans that the move affected only a smattering of drugs, but doctors said their switchboards were blocked with nervous inquiries.

The frenzy began when the Federal Pharmaceutical and Medical Institute in Berlin sent pharmacies a fax ordering the withdrawal from sale and the return to the manufacturer of medicines using marrow from cattle, connective tissue, mammary glands, kidneys, livers, testicles, gall bladders, blood, urine and foetal tissue. Those products were said to be banned until September 30, 1997.

The order was described as purely preventive measure. "We simply want rigorously to exclude any risk that could ensue from the taking of

There was confusion over hether the ban extended to the many medicines encased in gelatine capsules. Beef bones, tendons and hides are used in the manufacture of gelatine, though the bone marrow is removed in the

the continuing management

of the society under Donald

Kirkham, pending the ap-

pointment of a new group

chief executive. I can also

confirm that the society's con-

version and flotation plans remain firmly on track."

But another major society

which has committed itself to

mutuality added: "It's a bomb-

shell and almost unprecedent-

ed. Mr Robinson's unexpected

departure comes at such a

crucial stage in its conversion

to public company and bank-

ing status.
The society is depending on

the goodwill of its members to

support and vote in favour of

the strategy of the Woolwich board. Whether this sudden

exit will dent members' confi-

The sudden exit of Mr Robin-

son will inevitably cause prob-

lems, if only for staff morale

and in view of the fact that

they are in a major transition

period, and it is vital for staff

and indeed members to have

Another said: "I am genu-

inely surprised. This news has

come out of the blue and in the

middle of a major conversion

programme. It may have quite

a set back on the society's

plans." While a senior execu-

tive of one top six building societies said: "I am very

surprised at the news about

Peter Robinson. It comes at

one of the most critical times

in the society's history."

confidence in the top manage-

And another rival comment-

"This will rock the boat.

dence remains to be seen."

degreasing process before the gelatine is made by boiling at nigh temperatures.

Lung tissues from cattle are some respiratory medicines and a cow's pancreas is used in the making of some hormonal medicines. German industry sources emphasised that pharmaceutical gelatine was drawn largely from German raw materials, and insisted it was absolutely safe.

The new German scare comes after a second case of a German suffering from the new variant of Creutzfeldt-Jakoh disease. The victim, a woman in her early 30s, is in hospital in Tübingen. Her case has been baffling doctors because she ate mainly vegetarian foods and has never

visited Britain. In Britain Alison Williamson, of the Proprietary Associ-ation of Great Britain, the trade association for over-thecounter medicines, said of the reported German ban: "This absolutely boggles me. Is it an April Fool's joke that has arrived a day late?"

Ben Hayes, of the Association of British Pharmaceuti-cal Industries, said: This seems to have originated with a scare story in the German tabloid press. We believe that what the institute has done is no more than re-iterate advice issued already in 1992, warning against the use of medicines derived from what we call the proscribed offals."

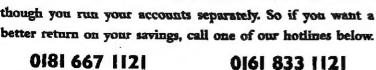
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## Regulator criticises water companies

Two water companies were criticised by the industry regulator yesterday after a six-month investigation into standards of customer service since privatisation. South West Water, which has been at the centre of a series of disputes during the past 12 months, was sanctioned for failing to meet deadlines on the improvement of sewage treatment works. The company was given warning that its failings might lead to curbs on increases in customer bills.

Ian Byatt, Director-General of the Office of Water Services, said the company had also suffered delays in services, said the company had also suffered delays in achieving targets on cleaning up bathing waters under the European bathing directives. The regulator also found that, although North West Water had complied with drinking water standards, other services were poor. Mr Byati said: "Although the company's services have improved since privatisation, overall they do not match those of some others."

### Last Newbury tree felled

The felling of five trees yesterday marked the end of the big security operation to clear a path for the Newbury bypass in Berkshire and opened the way for building to begin this summer. The cost to the taxpayer of evicting protesters from illegal tree camps and protecting clearance teams will be £4 million before any of the 8½-mile road is laid. There were 16 arrests yesterday, bringing the total to 767.

### PC saves boat boys

A Ministry of Defence policeman dived into Portsmouth harbour to save the lives of three boys whose dinghy was being crushed between two disused submarines. PC Graham Roberts attached a towrope to the 8ft dinghy so that Kirt Canavan, Il, his brother Grant, 9, and their friend Daniel Holden, II, could be hauled to safety. Mr Roberts was treated in hospital for hypothermia and shock.

### Mother greets Lock

Robert Lock, 30, the Briton who was cleared of drug smuggling after three years in a Thai jail, stepped off a plane at Heathrow yesterday and into the arms of his mother. Lynda Lock said: "I can't believe this day has finally come." Mr Lock, right, from Cambridge said: "It's wonderful to be home." Sandra Gregory, who was travelling with Mr Lock, has been jailed for 25 years.



## Lorry tests delayed

The Driving Standards Agency has been forced to postpone the introduction of written driving tests for lorry and bus drivers planned for July I after a flood of applications from learners trying to beat the summer deadline. It said that introducing the changes for all categories of drivers at once could "compromise safety" and that some would be delayed for six months.

### Woolwich Tougher Continued from page 1 sentences returned to the hands of Mr Kirkham, who has always been viewed as a defender of 'are recipe the mutual status of the Nevertheless, the converfor chaos' sion is to go ahead and Sir Brian said last night: "The board has full confidence in

By Frances GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government's plans for tougher sentencing, to be outlined today, have been attacked as a "recipe for chaos" by the country's leading au-

thority on sentencing. Dr David Thomas, editor of the judges' sentencing "bible", Sentencing Practice, says that the Government's sentencing plans will need "radical legis-lative surgery" within months of coming into force.

Dr Thomas, a reader at the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University, says the Home Secretary's White Paper plans for minimum sentences for repeat burglars and drug dealers, and automatic life sentences for secondtime rapists and other violent offenders, are a recipe for chaos. In this month's Bar Council magazine, Counsel, he says the proposals will lead to "chaos in the prisons, as the population increases unpredictably, and chaos in the courts, as the established sentencing conventions are

He also told The Times that the Government has itself admitted that the plans which have been opposed by the senior judges - will lead to more guilty offenders going free and more injustice. The Government stated in a 1990 White Paper that minimum or mandatory sentences for cer-tain offences could lead to "more acquittals by juries and more guilty men and women going free".

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POLICE are investigating the

deaths of four seriously ill

patients, including two child-ren, in a hospital's intensive

A senior sister in the unit at

the Royal Victoria Infirmary

in Newcastle upon Tyne has

been sacked for gross misconduct and detectives will now

consider whether criminal

proceedings should be brought. One line of inquiry is

whether treatment was

changed without authori-

sation to end the suffering of

terminally ill patients.

A hospital spokesman said that each of the four people

who died was "extremely ill

with different and severe med-ical problems. At the time there was no suspicion of foul

play but hospital authorities

have now been told by a

former colleague of the sacked

nurse that the deaths were

caused by interference with

drips used to supply drugs

Sources close to the inquiry discount similarities to the

case of Beverly Allitt, a men-

tally disturbed nurse who was

given 13 life sentences in May 1993 for the murder and attempted murder of children

on her ward at Grantham hospital. They also dismissed the possibility of mistakes

Jim Cousins, Labour MP for

Newcastle Central, has de-

manded a public inquiry into the deaths, which occurred

between 1991 and last year. He

accused the hospital of a cover-

up by delaying the request for

a police inquiry until after its

own internal investigation

ended last month. He said:

WOMAN lost her High

Court battle yesterday to re-

ceive thousands of pounds in

death benefits as a "depen-

dent" after the death of her

The judge said that the fact that Carol Slack, of New Oller-

ton, Nottinghamshire, was living with her lover and that he paid for their joint expenses

was not sufficient to establish

her dependency on him.
"As Mrs Slack fairly ex-

plained, she gave up her finan-

cial independence in response

to his wishes, but that was a

matter of choice not necessity."

In a judgment with implica-

tions for the beneficiaries of

pension trusts, as well as for

trustees, he upheld a ruling by the Pensions Ombudsman

that there had been malad-

ministration by the trustees of

Keith Hindle-Smith's death benefits. Mrs Slack should not

have the money left by Mr

Hindle-Smith, an electronics

company director, he said, up-

holding the Ombudsman's

conclusions and dismissing an

she was "financially depen-dent" on Mr Hindle-Smith,

the judge said. He upheld the

Ombudsman's order that the

trustees pay £500 compensa-tion each to Mr Hindle-Smith's son and his daughter.

testate in 1992. The judge said

the trustees of his pension

scheme were empowered to

pay lump sum benefits of

Mr Hindle-Smith died in-

There was no evidence that

appeal by the trustees.

Mr Justice Carnwath said.

through pressure of work.

and other fluids.

sacked nurse

over four deaths

in intensive care

By PAUL WILKINSON

The question on everybody's

lips is, Why did the hospital

not contact the police immed-

iately these awful facts came to

light'. There are issues which

Christine Dryden, whose

teenage daughter Patricia was one of the victims, said yester-

day: "They told us she was

getting the best care possible

and it seemed to us that she

was. It is horrible to think that

she could still have been here

Patricia, 15, sustained 50 per

cent burns in an explosion during a gas-sniffing session

in a house near her home in

Blyth, Northumberland, on

October 18 last year. She died five days later without regain-

Two other patients who died

were a 12-year-old girl and a woman aged 69. Their fam-

ilies have been contacted by police, but the fourth, a mid-

die-aged man, has not so far

been identified by the infor-

mant Medical records cover-

need to be looked at."

with us today,"

ing consciousness.

lover's pension £140,000 to any person they considered to be dependent on

Court rules woman

has no right to

him "for all or any of the ordinary necessaries of life". Mr Hindle-Smith, who was divorced, had signed a nomination form saying the sum should be divided equally between his son Anthony and daughter Tracey. But before his death he was living with Mrs Slack, and the three fund trustees decided £80,000 should be paid to her as a 'dependent".

They also decided a further £60,000 should be paid into a new trust, with Mrs Slack receiving the income for life and his children being entitled to equal shares when she died. In January 1993, £10,000 was paid to Mrs Slack and £70,000

used to purchase an annuity. The judge said the matter was referred to the Ombudsman, Dr Julian Farrand, after a complaint by Anthony Hindle-Smith that the payments were "improper and a breach

Last August, the Ombuds-man ruled the award to Mrs Slack null and void and ordered the trustees to recover the pay-outs on behalf of the chil-dren. He found that there had not been proper inquiries, and there was no evidence that Mrs Slack was financially de-pendent on her late lover "at any time in any real respect". Although there had been no substantial suggestion of dishonesty, the trustees had exercised discretion in her favour

# being examined by police, who are using a Home Office

computer. Mrs Dryden, 41, said: When the police came it was the first we had heard about anything being wrong. It was a terrible shock. If it is true that the nurse did something that caused Tricia's death it is really dreadful. The doctors never prepared us for the worst, we never had any doubt in our minds she was going to pull through."

The sister who has been sacked is an experienced intensive care nurse in her 40s who has been at the infirmary for 17 years. The complaint was made towards the end of January and she was suspended early in February. An internal hearing on March 18 found her guilty of gross misconduct and she was sacked instantly

The hospital was alerted by colleague who, a hospital trust spokesman said, "raised concerns about her professional misconduct". The spokesman rejected accusations of delaying police involvement. "Our usual disciplinary procedures were followed. The matter was then referred to the coroner, who requested the police investigation."

Northumbria Police said: The inquiry is in its very earliest stages. Steps have been made to contact the relatives of three patients who have been identified. All were from the North East. Inquiries centre on interviewing hospital staff and relatives of the patients concerned and a thorough check of medical

**Nightclub** 

provides

doctor on

the house

By KATE ALDERSON

A DOCTOR trained in drug-

related problems will be on

call at a Liverpool nightclub

The doctor will be paid for by Cream nightchub and will be appointed by the Royal Liverpool Hospital, which has treated many people suffering from drug-related problems.

Cream, which caters for about

1,800 people every Saturday night, is thought to have been the first British club to provide

first-aid room and free

Dr Chris Luke, consultant

in the casualty department at Royal Liverpool Hospital, will

spend this month studying the

club's needs before a doctor

begins work there. He said that medical tents were set up

at large open-air concerts.

such as Glastonbury, and it

was logical to extend such a

The move was announced yesterday as a coroner in

Hampshire urged young people to turn their backs on

Ecstasy after hearing that an 18-year-old student died alone in the lavatory of a rave club

after taking it. Andrew Brad-

ley, Coroner for North East Hampshire, said Ecstasy had

become an intrinsic part of

He recorded a verdict of misadventure on the death of

Ben Nodes, a student at

Bournemouth and Poole Coll-

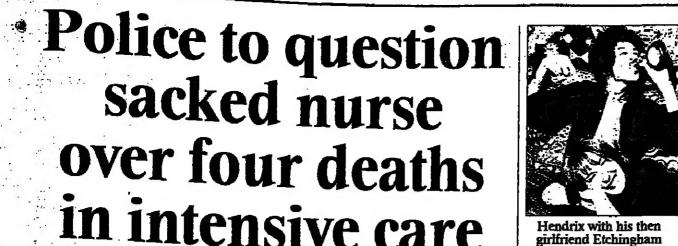
ege. Mr Nodes died at the Rhythm Station club in Alder-

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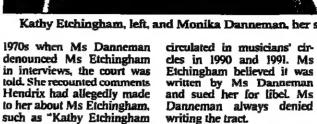
# Hendrix's foxy ladies continue their feud in court

By Oliver August

TWO former girlfriends of Jimi Hendrix yesterday took their 25-year feud over why the rock star died to the High Court Kathy Etchingham, 48, applied to have Monika Danneman, 50, jailed for branding her a liar in a recent

Ms Danneman was responding to allegations that she called an ambulance five hours after discovering Hendrix had died in her flat on September 18, 1970. It is believed that he took a drugs overdose and choked on his

Ms Danneman became Hendrix's lover after the end of his 30-month affair with Ms Etchingham. The animosity between the women started during the



The libel case was settled in 1992 and Ms Danneman gave an undertaking to the court not to repeat the allegations made in the interviews and specifically not to accuse Ms Etchingham of lying. But when Ms Etchingham

again questioned the circum-

stances of Hendrix's death in Charles Gray, QC, said. Even though Ms Etchingham was a newspaper interview, Ms Danneman attacked Ms not directly named she was Etchingham in a book called easily identifiable to people The Inner World of Jimi familiar with Hendrix's story, Ms Etchingham's lawyer Hendrix, published last year. Ms Danneman wrote in the David Eady, QC, for Ms Danneman, claimed she had afterword that a former lover had "constructed the most gruesome story of Jimi's called a newspaper article death. It was all an invenbased on interviews with Ms

tion". Writing this amounted Etchingham a "lie" but not to a breach of the undertaking Ms Eichingham herself a given by Ms Danneman that she would not call Ms Etchingham a liar again,

The judge reserved his deci-



Kathy Etchingham, left, and Monika Danneman, her successor as Hendrix's lover, at the High Court yesterday

was another girl who I met

when I came to London who

would cheat and lie for

money. When I went on tour I

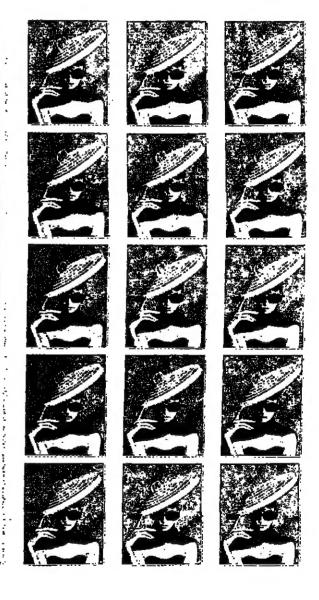
left her in charge of my flat

and when I came back I

found everything plus Kathy

gone." A typewritten account

based on these interviews was



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(It does not, unfortunately, monitor taste.)

# Spring in the wings promises dramatic late burst of colour

"wholly unreasonably".

By LIN JENKINS

SPRING is expected to bloom this weekend. Although temperatures are forecast to remain about 8C this week, with night frosts over much of the country, longer hours of sunshine will finally push plants

into believing spring has Much of Britain is likely to have five or more hours of sunshine a day. With last month averaging only 22 hours a day, compared with an average of 3.5 hours — and that the result of a few bright days at the end of the month - gardens have been unusu-

ally late to bloom. At Kew Gardens the annual

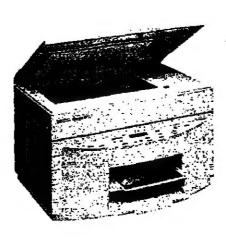
show of nearly 9 million crocuses has been thwarted. Charles Shine, the herbaceous manager, said: "They have been in bud for three weeks and only out for 20 minutes one afternoon."

Normally the carpet of blue, white and purple attracts hundreds of visitors for a fortnight or more. The ornamental cherries expected be in full show are just breaking bud.

"Once the mild weather comes, things will rocket," Mr Shine said. "We should see the daffodils over the holiday weekend, but not a lot of other things. It is a bit of a shame because this is traditionally a

gardeners' weekend." Jim Arbury, gardener at the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley, Surrey, said the lateness of the season had advantages. The flowering will all come at once this year in a blaze of colour. The delay will mean less chance of frost damage and more chance of unspoilt blossoms."

The late spring was also welcomed by winemakers. Ian Berwick, chairman of the English Vineyards Association, said: "What we dread is an early spring, with a warm spell followed by late frost."



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# Pepsi flies in Concorde, two supermodels and a tennis star for added fizz at cola relaunch

# True-blue message leaves media flat

By JOE JOSEPH

crammed into a Gatwick aircraft hangar yesterday for the relaunch of Pepsi-Cola might not have bothered to come at all without the lure of Pepsi's three advertising stars. But luckily Claudia Schi-

ffer, Cindy Crawford and Andre Agassi agreed to fly in to help Pepsi's rebirth and send a subliminal message to the world's youth that drinking Pepsi dramatically improves your bust, or else may leave you prematurely baid but with a great forehand.

It is said that the handful of people who know Coca-Cola's secret recipe are never allowed to fly on the same aeropiane. And here, the only 500 journalists who knew the secret of Pepsi's £330 million strategy to win the cola wars were all in the same aircraft hangar near Crawley, taking part in the biggest and most expensive press conference ever held: with a bill that was put at about £8 million. So

THE 500 journalists who what is the secret? It's this: as of yesterday, Pepsi's can has turned blue.

Why? Because "blue is modern and cool, exciting and dynamic and, most importantly, it's a colour that powerfully communicates refreshment," said John Swanhaus, Pepsi's senior vice-president of international sales and

"Ultimately," he confided to the journalists from 45 countries, "we believe that owning blue will give us a significant competitive advantage in the market place."

When he says "owning blue" he merely means that by the end of next year, after Pepsi has changed every can, bottle, billboard, vending machine, delivery van and shop awning to its new livery, the world will think Pepsi and see blue, or vice-versa.

Along with Pepsi's new catchphrase of "Change The Script". the new campaign "speaks to teenagers' universal desire to shake up the status quo", said Larry McIntosh, Pepsi's vice-president of international advertising, "and encourages them to look at, and think about,

Pepsi in a whole new way?.

To reinforce the message Pepsi paid Air France to paint a Concorde Pepsi-blue and even the 55,000 square feet Gatwick aircraft hangar had been lined in blue velvet, giving it the air of a buge and hastily converted bordello, thronging with punters too sby to take off their clothes. The half of the hangar in

which the presentation of the new Pepsi commercials starring Crawford, Agassi and Schiffer took place was more elaborate than a Rolling Stones show, with gantries, pivoting cinema screens, dry ice and a futuristic stage that parted as miraculously as the Red Sea before Moses.

Crawford arrived on stage on a Harley-Davidson motor-



Cindy Crawford, left, Andre Agassi and Claudia Schiffer sell the Pepsi message from the steps of Concorde to journalists at Gatwick yesterday

leather mini-skirt and Agassi confessing he was deeply in love with Brooke Shields. Afterwards, the three stars

moved from table to table, like those chess grandmasters who take on 50 challengers at a time, giving group inter-

views to journalists. So does Claudia actually Jike Pepsi? "Oh yes. It's refreshing. I like it very cold. Possibly with ice. Like when I've worked out and I need energy or

when Crawford refused to pose on Concorde's steps with her two co-stars. Eventually was persuaded, after what seemed to be an exchange of opinions about Cindy's duties between

Cindy's people and Pepsi's

people. So was all the expense

Kam, Pepsi's director of marketing for East Asia, who had flown a dozen journalists from China and Hong Kong seemed to understand English. Was his Chinese contingent impressed by Claudia and Cindy? "Er ... they are not yet well known in China." So that's why the guys from Peking were looking so

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# Boy taken to 4 hospitals died during operation

By RUSSELL JENKINS

A BOY of 23 months was ferried between four hospitals in one day before he died was told yesterday.

Robert Benton, of Rowley Regis, West Midlands, was first taken to his nearest hospital. Sandwell, in West Bromwich, at Ipm on June 7 last year after his breathing worried his mother Julie, 23. The casualty unit was being refurbished and, after waiting in a corridor. Robert, his mother and father, Tim Dawes, were taken to a cubicle where a child was already

being treated. Robert's breathing was by then "noticeably bad". Miss Benton said. They decided to make the 20-minute journey to Good Hope hospital in Sutton Coldfield. He was given a priority sticker in the emergency department and examined within five minutes. He was given a chest X-ray and

taken to the children's ward. Dr Nicholas Boyd, the senior paediatrician, told his parents that Robert had a suspected collapsed lung and may have inhaled an object. Arrangements were made to ransfer him to the Children's

Hospital in Birmingham. An ambulance transferred him at about 6pm and he arrived at the Children's Hospital 25 minutes later. An anaesthetist and nurse travelled with him and his mother.

was there to meet us," Miss Benton said. "The nurse was anxious and explained there was no bed and I heard someone say the bed should have been confirmed. The ward was full and no one came over to examine Robert."

Fourteen minutes after their arrival. Miss Benton again carried Robert to the ambulance after being told that he was to be transferred across

the city to the Birmingham Heartlands Hospital. They arrived ten minutes later and were told by an anaesthetist that Robert was very ill.

Miss Benton and Mr Dawes were left outside as he was taken into the operating theatre, where he died. At a meeting with doctors later, Miss Benton was told that nothing could have been done to save his life.

Dr Edwin Borman told Birmingham Coroner's Court that doctors had fought increasingly desperately for almost an hour to keep Robert alive as he lay on the operating His condition deteriorated alarmingly as the surgeons carried out a bronchoscopy to

try to clear the windpipe. Doctors found nothing lodged in his windpipe. Dr Borman said it had to be recognised that "some underlying lung disease" caused the hyper-inflation of his left lung. he hearing continues.

Robert's family is represented by Stephanie Forman, who represented the family of Nicholas Geldard, the boy who died between leaving home in Stockport, Cheshire. and being transferred for treatment in Leeds.



Robert: mother feared breathing was abnormal

# Curbs on dishonesty put solicitors in credit

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

TOUGH measures to curb fraud by solicitors have led to a big fall in claims by the public and the build-up of an unpi cedented multimillionpound reserve in the Solici-

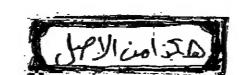
tors' Compensation Fund. Figures show that measures taken by the Law Society in the past three years to curb dishonesty are bearing fruit. As a result, solicitors in England and Wales, who pay some £1,000 cach to the compensation fund, may have their levy cut to £250, under proposals to go before the Law Society council on April 25.

The figures, to be published later this month, will show that in 1994, the fund paid out £29 million. The figure last year dropped to £18 million. Fund managers had predicted that they would need £37 million and they therefore have \$18 million over. If the

big cut in the levy is endorsed by the council, the news would be widely welcome in a profession which has keenly felt the cost of carrying dishonest

colleagues. Since 1992, the Law Society has introduced a number of measures to fight dishonesty. including a hotline for firms to report colleagues who were thought to be in difficulties.

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THE World Health Organisation remains convinced that.

cism from drug companies. A programme funded by the health organisation has shown that weekly injections of testosterone can serve as an effective male Pill, but many hurdles remain.

"It may be physiologically possible, but is it likely to be a practical product?" Dr Trevor lones, head of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, asked. "Giving mil-lions of men a high dose of a potent steroid strikes me as unacceptable." Proving the product's safety would be costly and difficult, he says. Companies who make the female Pili have been badly burnt by the recent scare about the low-dose Pill. They

they want to be involved in contraceptives at all." However, the WHO believes that a male pill is needed and that many men would be willing to use it. The trials, in which two British research groups have been involved, were designed to test the principle, not to evaluate the regime's practicability, said Dr David Griffin, of the taskforce on the regulation of

have had to rethink whether

The trials have found that weekly injections of testosterone reduce sperm to zero within three months in twothirds of men, and to very low levels in almost all the rest.

Dr Fred Wu, of Manchester



which might have very differ-

Dr Wu and colleagues in-

tend to try progesterone, which is also expected to

suppress the pituitary gland.

To restore a normal level of

testosterone in these volun-teers, they will be given injec-

tions or testosterone patches.

Dr Jones suspects that indi-

ridual response to the hor-

mones will vary widely, mak-ing it hard to provide a dose that is safe. "Frankly, I don't

think this is likely to be turned

Professor Malcolm Potts, of the University of California at

Berkeley, who has spent his

entire career in family plan-

ning, told The Lancet that he would much rather see the

money spent on a vaginal

microbicide to prevent the

spread of the Aids virus.

into a commercial product."

ent side-effects.

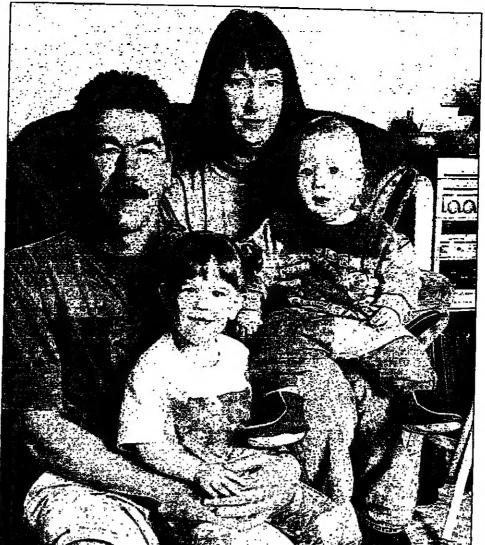
Dr Wu: says injections

University, a member of the trial team, said: "It is showing for the first time that permanent contraception for men works. It shows there is a viable method and that men are willing to use it."

The injections fool the body into believing that it is already full of the male hormone. The signal for the body to produce it comes from the pituitary gland. But if there is already a surplus in the body, the gland never issues the signal, testosterone production falls and. with it, the sperm count. There are some side effects.

In a 1990 study involving 157 men, nine dropped out because the injections gave them acne, three because of increased aggressiveness or libido, and two because of

changes to blood-fat levels.
in a letter to The Lancet, Dr Griffin conceded that behaviour and mood changes induced by testosterone "are a



Kevin and Tracy McQuaid with Robyn and Jake. later unexpectedly joined by Kane

## A real life hazard of taking part in trials

By KATE ALDERSON

A MAN who fathered a child during trials of a male contraceptive drug has now had a vasectomy to try to make sure

his family is complete.

Kevin McQuaid, 40, and
Tracy, 30, conceived their
third child Kane, now 15 months, while taking part in World Health Organisation trials for the male Pill in 1994. Theirs was the only pregnancy among 37 British couples who volunteered for the earlier stage of the experiment.

Mr McQuaid, a housing officer, had weekly injections of the contraceptive which lowered his sperm count to the point where it was believed he would no longer be fertile. His wife then stopped taking the Pill. They were shocked when Mrs McQuaid, a psychiatric nurse from Failsworth, Greater Manchester, discovered she

Despite the McQuaids' experience they are supportive of the new male contraceptive. The drugs are a wonderful idea and men should take responsibility for contracep-



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# Dictates of nature must make men the second choice

**M**EDICAL BRIEFING

ALTHOUGH some women beyond then. If men are to be fear that taking the Pill is rendered infertile by juggling esemble nature's intention for their hormonal balance given that they may conceive

were lectured to by John Rock who, with Gregory Pincus, did much of the pioneering work on the Pill. The idea of oral contraception derived from the premise that as pregnant women did not conceive, giving them the horthat circulate in conception at other times.

The American researchers determined to find a combination of such hormones and prepare them in pill form. In this way they argued that the women would not be subjecting their bodies to anything that they had not been designed to withstand.

The Pill has side-effects similar to the less desirable symptoms of pregnancy but, as the dose has been progressively cut over the years, these have been minimised. No

Whereas women are somereproductive cycle, the male role in either the animal world or primitive human life is to impregnate whenever possible. Men are fertile at all times from the age of 14 to 60, and to a decreasing extent

with their hormones, a condiis created unlike anything in nature.

The traditional teaching has always been that giving large doses of testosterone to a patient may improve a sense of well-being and make the man stronger. But only if he is suffering from a low level of

count. Nobody knows the however, that the development of cancer of the prostate

is dependent on testosterone. Although men taking reguto inhibit their sperm production will have routine checks on their prostate for signs of cancer, such damage cannot effects of high doses have included aggressiveness and

I will still feel that when I recommend the female Pill that I am being cautious and scientific rather than chauvinistic. But it is expected that a

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# Tourist boards are forcing a much-loved institution down unwelcome path, says consumer guide

# All mod cons and trouser presses 'ruining B & Bs'

TOURIST board inspectors their rooms in, say, a farm- bargains at £12 a night per are in danger of destroying the traditional British bed and breakfast by insisting that they have telephones, television and trouser presses before being granted an officially approved crown rating. the Consumers' Association says today.

Owners of some of the best B & Bs too often have to install inappropriate fittings. "What concerns us is the pressure that the boards have in recent years placed on small guesthouses continually to 'up-grade' themselves as far as facilities are concerned -pressure which in our opinion has started to have an impact on the very nature of the B & B as a much-loved and valued institution," the Which Good Bed and Breakfast Guide

"Do guests really want a telephone or trouser press in

house deep in the countryside. or to be offered dinner in a city centre B&B with dozens of restaurants and pubs within walking distance? Do they really care where the walls are covered with paint or wallpaper, providing of course that the establishment is clean and

well decorated? We think not."

The tourist boards are now re-examining the crown grading scheme to see whether any of the criteria used could be dropped and whether there can be closer co-operation with other grading schemes such as those run by the AA Britain has about 11,400

privately owned properties offering bed-and-breakfast accommodation at prices well below those charged by hotels. Although prices in some areas, such as Bath, Edinburgh or Rye, are now rising, some person can still be found in coastal resorts or isolated

The tourist boards have awarded one, two or three crowns to 3,433 B & Bs and only disseminate their details if they have achieved minimum standards. From this week properties in the crown scheme must pass inspections for quality and facilities. That, it is hoped, will iron out the many anomalies created by the twin-track system.

The Which guide says: "It has been quite possible, for

example, to find a three-crown guesthouse which in terms of quality is just adequate to fair sitting right next door to a superb B & B which, because it has fewer facilities, rates just

The 1,100 B & Bs listed in the guide are inspected independently and must charge less

than £30 a person per night the same limit as was imposed in 1992. "Our criteria for selecting a B & B for the guide include a warm welcome, cleanliness, a friendly atmosphere and wherever possible a particularly attractive location or in some cases a building that is itself of some historical or architectural in-

But the British Tourist Authority insists that its scheme is best. "There has to be some way of reflecting whether the accommodation is of a good standard. That is why we include details such as the availability of a full-length mirror, whether it is possible to get out of bed on both sides, the availability of a kettle or ironing board and the standard and quality of furnish-ing. Now a group from all the national boards is trying to develop a new set of criteria."



Angela Woodhams outside The Old Parsonage in West Dean, West Sussex, which has shunned the board scheme

# Where monks once trod, guests hunt bathrooms

By Our Travel Correspondent

from Kenya.

ANGELA WOODHAMS is one of the "old school" of bed-and-breakfast landladies. She believes in letting guests enjoy the charms of her 715year-old house in their own

Televisions, en suite bathrooms and trouser presses have no place in her style of she refuses to have anything to do with the English Tourist Board's crown classification

The owner of what is reputed to be the oldest inhabited house in England, catering for up to six guests, she prefers to rely on personal recommendation rather than on the stereotyped procedures of the board's inspectors. "We simply do not conform to their strict pattern," she said. "Our house is unique and it is very old. We can't put bathrooms in every room because it would spoil the whole feeling of the house."

The Old Parsonage in West Dean. West Sussex, was built in 1280 by monks from a nearby priory and remained ecclesiastical ownership until 1970, when it was sold to an uncle of Mrs Woodhams. She took over in 1987 after she and her husband Raymond, a

linked to its own private bathroom, but it could mean college lecturer, returned Now The Old Parsonage

has been named by the Consumers' Association as one of the 20 best B & Bs in Britain and Mrs Woodhams is delighted. She charges from £50 to £65 per room per night. does not accept children under 12. bans smoking and serves only breakfast. "Each bedroom has a private bathroom or a shower, but that does not mean they are in the

same room," she said. "The rectors who lived here through the centuries had no plumbing until 1890, when it was decided to add an extra wing which would be connected to hot and cold running water. Now each room is

crossing a corridor or going up a few stairs to reach it. We certainly are not going

to put a television in the room or a trouser press. Our guests don't want that. They come here for history and the surrounding countryside. If they wanted all the things demanded by the English Tourist Board in their rooms. they could go to some of the modern hotels near by. "Many of our guests come from America. They are thrilled when they find that they are staying in a house which was 300 years old when America was first

### Top 20 B & B establishments

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# Two win £225,000 for Beck's abuse at council home

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

TWO women abused while in children's homes run by the paedophile Frank Beck were

awarded damages yesterday totalling £225,000. The High Court in Notting-ham ordered Leicestershire County Council, which employed Beck as a social worker, to pay the compensation. The award in the test case will open the way to about 30

The women, one aged 31

and the other 36, were among

seven of Beck's victims who brought actions against the council. They claimed the authority failed to provide a duty of care. Five settled out of court for undisclosed sums. Both women were physically and emotionally abused under the guise of what Beck

called "regression therapy". He was given five life sen-tences in 1991 and died aged 52 in prison in 1994 after a heart attack while playing badminton. The council was in charge of three Leicestershire children's homes at which the former

Marine and members of his staff abused, tortured and humiliated their charges for 13 years until 1986. Insurers for the authority, which during the hearing admitted failing to protect victims, could now face claims

for damages running into

millions of pounds. Mr Justice Potts awarded £145,000 to the older woman, who suffered three years of sex abuse, and £80,000 to the other claimant. who was in the same home for two years. The judge said that in both cases he had studied the awards given for brain damage, paraplegia and loss of limbs, because they were cases of the greatest severity. The court was told how the

older woman endured sexual.

physical and emotional abuse. after Beck visited her in a mental hospital when she was 15. The woman, a self-confessed lesbian, was told by Beck: "You won't need another

woman after this." The judge said: "The use of the word torture by one doctor is entirely appropriate to describe her experience. Money can never adequately compensate these victims for what they have suffered as a result of the defendant's negligence."

During the other woman's stay at the home from the age of 15 she was bathed by male staff and forced to use baby bottles and feeder cups, and carry around a cuddly toy. She absconded 50 times and was beaten and dragged upstairs by her hair, as well as stripped by male staff and kept in a side room for several days as a punishment. She told investigators: "I felt as if I was in a madhouse."

She said after the case that she was satisfied. But the older woman said: "I am seeing my lawyers about an appeal. I am very angry with the council. They have taken away my childhood, adolescence and now my future."

Beck: sentenced to five life terms

### MENSIN BRIES Child porn seized in police raids

Police launched a series of raids yesterday morning in an attempt to break a child pornography ring. Videos. magazines, drawings and letters were seized during 37 raids after warrants were obtained under the Protection of Children Act. The operation, involving 22 forces, was co-ordinated by West Mercia Constabulary. ☐ More than 1,500 people

have been arrested in France during an operation against suspected paedophiles.

### Poster protests

Advertising watchdogs re-ceived 1.191 complaints about a British Safety Council poster of the Pope captioned: "The 11th Commandment: Thou shalt always wear a condom."

### Verdict delayed

Judgment was reserved in the High Court case brought by the Attorney-General against the double-agent George Blake and Jonathan Cape, Blake's London publisher.

### Pension plea fails Rodney Whitchelo, a former

detective serving 17 years for attempted blackmail, has failed in a High Court attempt to stop his police pension from being cut by 75 per cent.

### Climber killed

A climber died after falling from the 900ft Observatory Ridge on Ben Nevis. The Dutchman in his twenties was the second climber to die in Scotland in two days.

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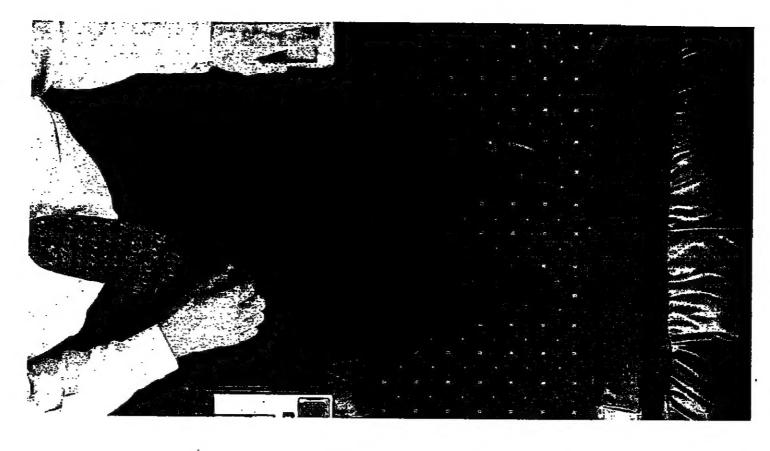
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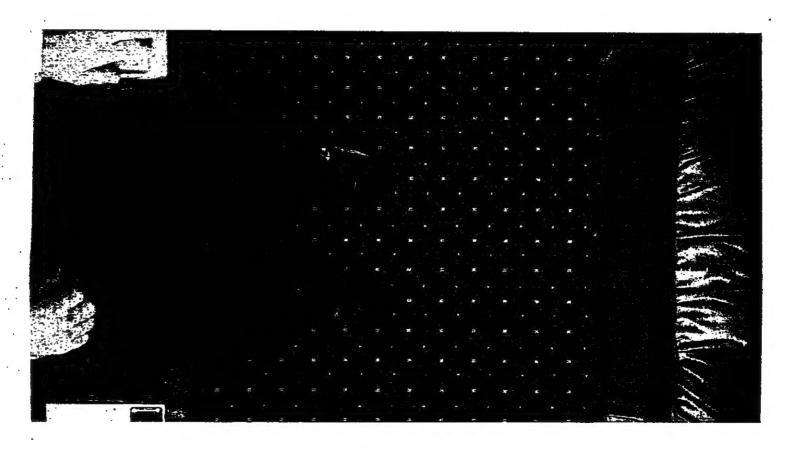
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# Inspectors rebuke top school for rigid emphasis on exams

By David Charter, education correspondent

ONE of the most successful independent schools has been criticised by inspectors from the private sector for placing too much emphasis on exam-

Pupils at The Manchester Grammar School were not realising their full potential in some lessons because the examination syllabus was taught too rigidly, they said. But the £4.140-a-year school, where almost all pupils go to university and one in five to Oxford or Cambridge, was praised for its high academic and pastoral standards.

The inspectors added: "A minority of lessons, noticeably in departments heavily weighted to older staff, although very efficient, were too much geared to the examina-tion and so did not release the full potential of pupils."

The school was inspected by a team from the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Confermostly from other independent schools but including a member of Ofsted, the Government's school inspection agency. Another leading independent, Westminster School. was criticised last September when government inspectors accused it of putting pupils under too much pressure.

Ian Thorpe, surmaster of The Manchester Grammar School, said there was a mixed reaction from staff to the criticism. "It is perhaps not surprising that a small proportion of lessons represent a more traditional, older teacher, delivering a straight-downthe middle lesson, which produces a lot of learning and something geared towards the examination," he said.

We do not pretend we do not teach towards the examination, but alongside that the report praises our very broad non-examined general studies programme in the sixth form." Inspectors said the school's

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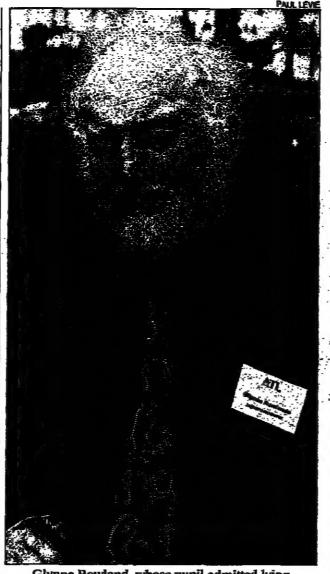
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examination successes, with 99 per cent of GCSEs passed at grades A to C and 80 per cent of A levels at grades A or B, was even better than expected of its highly selective in-take. They added that staff and student relationships were an outstanding feature.

The involvement of porters, cleaners and other nonacademic staff in the pastoral care of the school is exceptional and excellent in every way. They clearly appreciate being taken into confidence and they have an excellent relationship

Dick Davison, deputy director of the Independent Schools Information Service, said: "Clearly Manchester Gram-mar School is a school for very bright boys and it is not altogether surprising that lessons should be geared to-wards the demands of these pupils. Parents know it is highly selective and they know



Glynne Rowland, whose pupil admitted lying

Police held record of dropped charges

# Teachers seek protection from malicious sex claims

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

seven-year-old girl found his name on police records more than a year after the pupil had admitted making up the story, a union conference was told

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers demanded safeguards after being told that government guidelines which recommended that cases be investigated before suspension took place had failed to protect staff. The number of teachers suspended after malicious allegations by pupils rose rapidly after the Children Act came into force

conference in Torquay decided to draw up its own advice to Glynne Rowlands, a teacher for 28 years, told how he was confronted by an angry mother and a neighbour after a Christmas disco at Peartree School, Stevenage, Hertford-shire. He told delegates he had been branded a pervert

because the woman's daugh-

in 1991. The union's annual

A PRIMARY school teacher ter had accused him of luring her into an empty room and

Although not suspended from his job, Mr Rowlands felt obliged to tell his wife and teenage children of the inci-dent. A police officer who investigated the mother's complaint made plain that she

believed he was guilty.

Mr Rowlands told delegates: "Fortunately, before my formal interview with the school governors, there was a telephone call because the little girl had had the courage to admit that she had made it all up. The parents came in with a box of chocolates and flowers to say they were

apology from the police were ignored, and Mr Rowlands found that the official register merely said that charges had been withdrawn. There is a great deal of difference between being found innocent and charges being with-drawn," he said. Yesterday

accounts of incidents in police files should be agreed with those involved.

The conference gave unanimous support to a motion. demanding that schools review security measures in the aftermath of the Dunblane massacre and the killing of Philip Lawrence, the London headmaster. The union's Manchester branch said schools should investigate installing video cameras and panic alarms, and reduce the number of entrances where possible. School security commissions should be set up to review the options.

Sally Webster, a member of the union executive who teaches in Doncaster, told the conference that she had felt safer in her previous career as a policewoman than she did in primary schools. "I was neryous on the beat at 2am, but I knew that someone was on the end of the radio. In an isolated classroom there is nobody to help. At least give us some way of getting help, such as a

# Teach only 3Rs till seven, says union

By OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

THE national curriculum should be restricted to English and mathematics for the first two years at school to quell public anxiety about standards of literacy and numeracy, a teachers' union

said yesterday.

Delegates to the annual conference of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers claimed that the ten-subject carriculum was preventing them from giving sufficient time to basic education.

Mike Hodgson, a member of the union's executive who teaches at Queen's Drive Primary School in Preston, Lancashire, said: "I used to hear my class read every day. Now I am lucky if I hear two children in a week because there just isn't time."

Mr Hodgson said that a primary teacher of 25 years' experience had sought; his advice on an alternative career. "She told me everything she enjoyed about teaching infants had gone. I knew exactly what she

A dear majority of delegates supported a motion from the union's Doncaster branch acknowledging "national concern over literacy and numeracy" and arguing that a curriculum limited to English and mathematics between the ages of five and seven was the the most effective remedy.

Shirley Blackman, a primary teacher from Norfolk, disagreed. She said that a broad curriculum gave children an introduction to subjects they would study at a later age. "A lack of basic skills is not to do with the broad curriculum, but has a lot more to do with the way children come into

Richard Neale, an executive member from Wirral, said that parents expected young children to read aloud every day. "The pressures are such that teachers are having to spend break-times and give up lunch trying to catch up."

Maureen Williams, of
Bessacarr First School, Doncaster, who proposed the mo-

tion, said that teachers did not want to abolish the national curriculum and they would stili covet a broad ran: subjects. "But it is essential that English and maths are the requirements and the others are guidelines."

# Students 'have £200 a month to spend'

By Our Education Correspondent

money to spend, despite cuts in their grants, because of a growing reliance on parents and part-time jobs, a survey

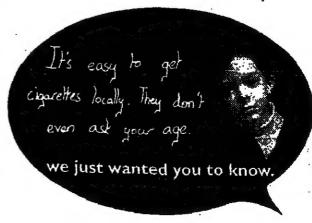
claimed yesterday. Reaction UK, a market research company, which questioned 30,000 students, said average monthly disposable income had risen from E174 in 1994 to £203 in 1995. The company said it was generally accepted that students had to take part-time jobs, and young people from poorer backgrounds remained reluctant to attend university or college.

It said that last year 42.2 per cent of students owned a video recorder compared with 17.4 per cent in 1992, and that more than two-thirds of students owned a CD player. Car-owning students increased from 25.4 to 28.9 per cent.

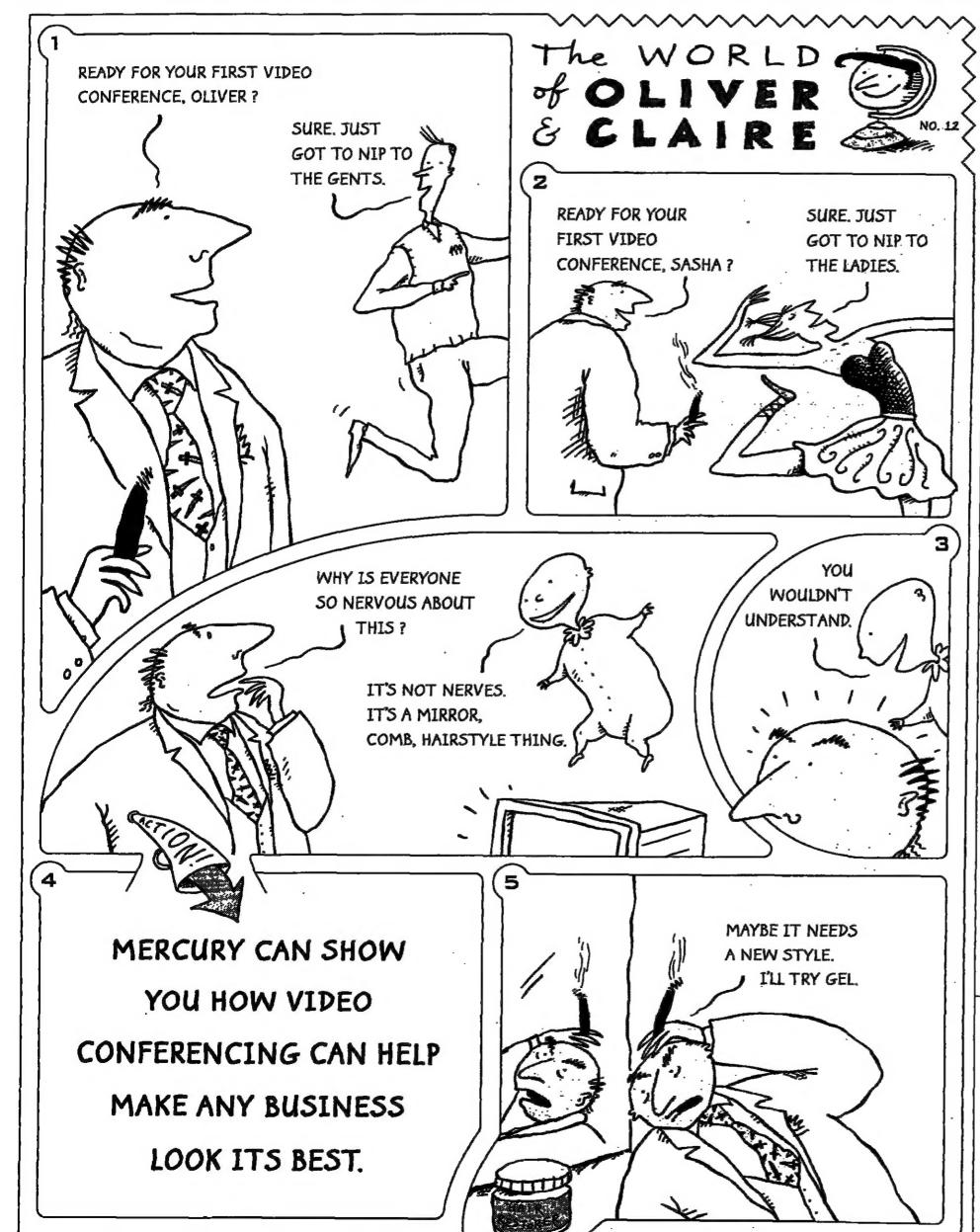
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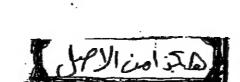
STUDENTS have more director of Reaction UK, said students had more access to credit than was the case 15 years ago. "The majority own or have access to a full range of consumer goods. Most also manage to go out as much as they want." She added: "Students say they are hard-up. But if you ask what things they have or what they have spent their money on, you will see a different picture. We don't dispute that there are hard-up students,"

The National Union of Students said the findings contra-. dicted other surveys. Louise Clarke, a press officer, said: "I do not know which students they have been speaking to. Students are more hard-up than ever. The Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals found a 25 per cent increase in students dropping out for non-academic reasons.









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Factory should have known of health dangers well before 1920s, Court of Appeal says

# Asbestos firm loses fight against cancer payouts

A MULTINATIONAL engineering company lost its appeal yesterday against a High Court decision that it must pay Elis,000 to two cancer victims who played in drifts of asbes-tos dust around their homes

when they were children.

The decision by the Court of Appeal should ease the way for more than 20 further claims against the firm, according to the solicitor representing the widow of one of the The court found that T & N.

the parent group that ran the J.W. Roberts asbestos factory in Armley, Leeds, until 1959. should have known about the dangers of asbestos dust long before the births of June Hancock in 1936 and Arthur Margereson in 1925. The High Court in Leeds had ruled earlier that the firm should pay Evelyn Margereson E50,000 for the death of her husband from mesothelioma, a cancer of the chest lining. five years ago. Mrs Hancock, who is gravely ill with the same disease, is to receive £65,000. The Court of Appeal refused the company leave to

appeal to the House of Lords. Lord Justice Russell said in his judgment that T&N had claimed it could not have known about the dangers of asbestos dust before 1933.

last year's trial at Winchester

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The J. W. Roberts factory in Leeds owed a duty of care to the surrounding residents, the court said

bestos dust could and did

The Court of Appeal found

that J. W. Roberts owed a duty

of care not only to its employ-

ees but also to people living in

the terraced houses surround-

ing the plant. Lord Justice Russell said the High Court

evidence was overwhelming

that asbestos dust was deposit-

ed in enormous quantities outside the walls of the fac-

tory, which operated from the

A number of witnesses had

told of visiting the loading

bays when they were children

and of jumping up and down

on bales of asbestos which

would sometimes burst open.

One spoke of children playing

late 19th century.

cause damage to the lungs.

The true date was much earlier, certainly long before Mr Margereson's birth," he said. "His activities as a child, therefore, as well as Mrs Hancock's, were at a time when the defendants were on actual or constructive notice as to the potential pulmonary damage that exposure to as-bestos dust could bring."

The judges said that a Home Office report in 1930 had found that asbestos was linked to diseases including pulmonary and bronchial catarrh, asthma, bronchitis, fibrosis and emphysema. Robin Steward. QC. for Mrs Hancock, said there was evidence going back to the turn of the century that exposure to as-

bestos fibres clung to the window mesh and, by the end of a shift, employees were so covered with dust that they were nicknamed "Abominable snowman" and "Feather leg".

John Pickering, the solicitor acting for Mrs Margereson, said a further 22 claims had been lodged against T&N. "Success in this case makes me a good deal more confident about future claims."

T&N, formerly Turner & Newell, said: "Although there may be other claims in the future arising out of the Armley factory, it is unlikely there will be many. The financial consequences of this decision, and any such future cases, will be very limited."

Mrs Hancock told BBC Radio 5 Live: "I'm absolutely delighted. It's a great satisfaction being able to stand up to them. It's been very tiring. It's taken its toll occasionally, but it's been worth it and there's nothing like a fight to get the adrenalin going. They've probably extended my life." Mrs Margereson, who is

recovering from a stroke, said: My husband started this and have finished it. When he brought this case he was fighting for what he believed in and I just hope that what we have achieved means that nobody else has to go through what we went through."



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# Welsh PC cracks crime in Caymans

By A STAFF REPORTER

A POLICEMAN from the Welsh Valleys has won an award for smashing a crack cocaine gang in the Cayman

PC Bob Chambers was one of 17 officers chosen from 3,000 applicants who responded to an advertisement in Police Review for a two-year secondment to the British

PC Chambers, 31, from Penrhys, organised a sixmonth surveillance of a family that hooked children on crack cocaine and then sent them out to steal. His certificate of commendation from the islands' police commissioner was in recognition of his bravery. PC Chambers had organised a firearms unit to track cocaine barons who were threatening the reputation of the Caymans as a trouble-free tourist haven.

Three leading criminals and several youngsters behind robberies and attacks on tourists were arrested. The bosses were jailed for between two and four years and more than

130 crimes were solved. PC Chambers, the fourth generation of his family to serve with the police, said: "Normal law and order did not apply there and I had to be armed to go on the streets. But I was trained in the Rhondda and that is where you'll find the best policing in the world.

# West judges urge review of media money for witnesses

By RICHARD DUCE

PAYMENTS by the media to witnesses in criminal trials and suspect. There had been could put justice at risk, three a temptation to exaggerate in Court of Appeal judges said court to make their contracts The appeal judges rejected the argument that West had plained why they had upheld ten murder convictions

against Rosemary West.
Such payments were held not received a fair trial because of insufficient evidence, sensational media coverage, the admission of evidence not to have prejudiced the case against her but the judges urged the Attorney-General to review the practice. Lord Taylor of Gosforth, about her sex life and inadequate directions to the jury by Mr Justice Mantell. West was jailed for life for the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Mitchell and pressed concern that at least six prosecution witnesses in

murdering nine girls and Cromwell Street, Gloucester, she occupied with her husband — who killed himself in jail — and a girl at a previous address in Gloucester. The judge recommended she never be released.

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# Labour MPs rebel over rushing of anti-terror law

By JILL SHERMAN, RICHARD FORD AND MICHAEL EVANS

THIRTY-ONE Labour MPs defied the party leadership last night by opposing a government measure to rush anti-terrorist legislation.

The rebel MPs, led by Kevin McNamara, voted against a motion that speeded up a Bill to extend police powers to stop and search. But the Government easily secured support for its efforts to ensure that all the Commons stages went through last night.

The guillotine motion was passed by 256 votes to 44. a majority of 212. The Government was also expected to win a second reading vote.

Mr McNamaru, a former Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary, and 30 colleagues ignored the Labour leadership's call to abstain and instead joined the Liberal Democrats in opposing the Government, Ministers wanted to speed up the Bill, which amends the Prevention of Terrorism Act, because they fear an IRA Easter bombing campuign.

Police and security forces

possible IRA attacks on the Officers throughout Britain mainland using small incendiary devices. Police chiefs asked for special measures that had been drawn up as a contingency plan during the IRA ceasefire.

MIS and RUC Special Branch officers in Northern Ireland have been trying to anticipate the timing and location of the next phase of the IRA's bombing campaign. The republican movement's traditional obsession with anniversaries has reinforced fears of imminent attacks. This weekend is the anniversary of the 1916 Easter rising.

The legislation put forward vesterday will enable police to search pedestrians in a designated area, search listed nonresidential premises and freight at ports, cordon off areas and impose temporary parking bans. Anyone who refuses to be searched will be liable to a 6-month jail sentence and/or a £5,000 fine.

Police will provide anyone halted under the new "stop and search" powers with a written statement explaining

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will be advised on how to use the new powers without causing offence.

Any decision to declare a designated area will be taken by an officer of assistant chief constable rank or above. There will be no restrictions on the size of the area, but within 48 hours the Home Secretary must authorise both the scale and length of time in which the new powers operate. The maximum period is 28 days, which can be renewed for a further 28 days.

One senior police officer said: "We are not going to do this willy nilly. There is no intention by the police to designate areas unless there is good intelligence or a reasonable suspicion that a terrorist act is imminent or to prevent one taking place.

The intention behind this is to give us some power, over a short emergency to deal with an extraordinary situation. We clearly realise any sort of implementation of these powers is going cause some public disruption or and concern".

Commons yesteray that the Government had known for a fortnight that it wanted to introduce the "stop and search" powers. He warned his Labour colleagues that they were pushovers in agreeing to go ahead with the timetable for the Bill.

"It is quite outrageous that here we have very serious incursions into people's normal civil liberties and we're only going to have two hours to discuss them."

Alan Beith, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats, said that the Government could have achieved its aim by publishing the Bill last week, allowing some time for con-sultation this week. "The Government have already decided the precise form which the Bill should be. And whenever governments decide that, they get

This Government has a record of making mistakes. This Home Secretary has a record of making mistakes," he added. "It is government by decree — take it or leave it. The police and the public will pay the price for that."



# Bottomley , rules out mid-week lottery

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By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY ruled out the prospect of introducing a mid-week National Lottery draw yesterday.

Camelot, the lottery operator, has suggested that an extra weekly draw could generate more money for good causes but Mrs Bottomley. National Heritage Secretary. said: "I would need some convincing that there's a huge untapped potential there for more people to be drawn in. I don't see a need at present to enourage new games."

Giving evidence to the National Heritage Select Committee, she came under pressure from Tory MPs for reassurance that there would not be further "blurring" of the line between lottery funding for capital projects and traditional funding for heritage, sports and the arts from central and local government. She conceded that the lottery distribution bodies had to examine a "grey area" covering activities that would be funded by public money "in a good year" but not when

### Another success for Major's balancing act The Cabinet debate over RIDDELL

a referendum on a single currency was in danger of turning into something quite different — an argument over the Tory party's attitude towards Europe. It will be defused, at least temporarily, at this morning's meeting of the Cabinet with an announcement later from Conservative Central Office about a referendum pledge in

the election manifesto. On the referendum itself. there are divisions of principle, with an influential minority strongly against. This dispute is not, of course, a simple proxy for the debate over a single currency. Some opponents of the latter are also against the former, and vice versa. Morever, in a speech later today to the European Policy Forum, Ian Lang, one of gue that completing and reinforcing the single market is Britain's biggest priority in Europe and should not be confused with a single currency. He will say that a single currency is not necessary to make a success of the single market.

A clear majority has, nonetheless, emerged in the Cabinet that a single currency is such an important constitutional and economic issue that the promise of a referendum is justified. That view is held by John Major and several of his close political allies, by Malcolm Rifkind, and by those. including a number of pro-Europeans, who dislike referendums in general and are dubious about whether an announcement will get the Government out of its current political predicament. Party managers want a public pledge to head off the threat of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party even though he and hard-core Tory sceptics want a referendum now on Britain's relations with

In the past few days there has been, in the words of one senior minister close to Mr Major, an almost inexorable progress towards a commitment on a referendum. No one seriously believes that a British Government of whatever party would take Britain into a single currency without holding a referendum. The

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question is partly one of presentation.

How tightly will the promise of a referendum be stated? Will it be only after the Cabinet and Parliament have approved entry? Will ministers have to maintain collective responsibility with dissenters having to resign? Will the intention to leave open the question of joining a single currency (the British optout/opt-in in the Maastricht treaty) be firmly restated to prevent any later closing off of

this option for the next

Parliament? The opposition to a referendum expressed by Kenneth Clarke has not just been on constitutional principle or even a political worry that the announcement of a future referendum would exacerbate divisions within the Tory party. Other Cabinet colleagues. such as Michael Heseltine. Sir Patrick Mayhew. John Gummer and Sir George Young. hold these views. They also do

not see the political advan-tages. Mr Clarke has been worried that the announcement of a referendum could be seen, both in the Tory party and in the rest of Europe, as a yet another concession to the sceptics after so many previous ones. It might undermine Britain's position in the negotiations about the shape of monetary union and would send a general signal that the sceptics are winning.

r Clarke and Mr Heseltine had acted as a block on any decision on a referendum. But the stakes were raised by the decision to commission the study by Mr Rifkind. Mr Major has survived in office so far by not making a choice on Europe but by balancing the two factions. He appears to have succeeded yet again. Today's announcement will be carefully presented as a manifesto decision for a Government in the next Parliament. rather than any change in the current opt-out policy. There will be plenty more battles to come on Europe.

PETER RIDDELL

# Benefit fraud crackdown

SINGLE mothers will be docked 40 per cent of their weekly benefit until their children grow up unless they tell the Child Support Agency who fathered them, the Govermment said yesterday.

Andrew Mitchell, a Social Security Minister who made the announcement, accused 50,000 women of "cocking a snook" at taxpayers by with-holding the names of their former partners. His sanction

for single mothers is much harsher than expected. Until now mothers who refused to co-operate with the CSA had their benefit docked for only 18 months. Now they will have to name the father or bring up their child with a

weekly benefit cut of £20. The proposal will outrage campaigners against poverty who say it will be particularly harsh on the children of battered women.

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YESTERDAY in the Commons: questions to deterior ministers and the Prime





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# Clinton named in 'plot to milk \$3m from Government'

From Tom Rhodes in washington

A CONSPIRACY to milk federal lending banks of \$3 million (£1.97 million) was hatched at a kitchen table in Arkansas between three close associates of President Clinton, according to his chief

David Hale, a former Arkansas political insider and the star witness in the Whitewater trial, has testified that in 1985 he sat at the table with Jim Guy Tucker, Mr Clinton's successor as Governor, and James McDougal, the Clintons' partner in the failed land deal, and concocted a plot to use a property deal to funnel money into his federalbacked finance company.

From there the funds were to be transferred in the form of a loan to Mr Tucker and Mr McDougal, and his former wife Susan, who are all charged with conspiracy to defraud Madison Guaranty, the bank at the centre of the Whitewater affair.

Hale, the only witness to have claimed firsthand knowledge of Mr Clinton having been involved in a crime, has been giving evidence for the first time in Little Rock to describe the evening when the three men met around Mr Tucker's table.

Hale said that Mr McDougal had told them:"I'm going to need some funds and



# President questioned about Yeltsin 'pact'

THREE Republican leaders want to know if President Clinton agreed to frame American policies to favour the re-election chances of President Yeltsin when the two men met last month. In a letter to the White

House requesting full disclosure of talks between the leaders during the terrorism summit at Shavm el Sbeikh in Egypt, the Republicans say reports that Mr Clinton and Mr Yeltsin agreed a mutual re-election pact were contrary to American interests. "We are alarmed by any suggestion that your policy toward the Russian elections may be tainted by domestic partisan political considerations," they

The document was signed by Ben Gilman, the chairman of the House international relations committee, Henry Hyde, chairman of the judiciary committee, and William Clinger, chairman of the government reform and oversight

committee. It asks for all documents relating to the conversation on March 13 as well as communications between Arkansas poultry farmers and the Clinton Administration about a Russian ban on imports of American

In a leaked State Department cable paraphrasing the conversation, Mr Clinton seems to drop all pretence of neutrality in the Russian electoral process, promising "positive" American policies to help Mr Yeltsin. He specifically asks the Russian leader to avoid "negative" disputes such as the poultry ban.

In another alleged conver-sation, published last week in Zvatra, a Russian opposition newspaper, the two presidents are shown as having few qualms about helping each other electorally. "At this time we have to ... support each other on the eve of the presidential elections," Mr Yeltsin is quoted as saying.

Jim Guy's going to need some funds and we're going to have to clean up some members of

the political family." He said talk of the "political family" was a direct reference to Mr Clinton, then Governor of Arkansas. "That involved Bill Clinton and maybe some of his aides and political associates, and Jim Guy Tucker," he told the court.

Mr and Mrs McDougal were partners in the Whitewater Development Company and investigators have said that some money from the deals made by Hale and Mr McDougal were placed for a time in the Whitewater Recount.

Evidence given by Hale which is likely to last for much of a week and is central to the case being brought by Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, was yesterday expected to include evidence that Mr Clinton was at a meeting where part of the scheme was discussed.

According to the former banker, Mr Clinton put pressure on him to make a \$300,000 loan to Mrs McDougal in 1986, a story that the President has described as "a bunch of bull". Hale was sentenced last

week to 28 months in prison for fraud as part of a pleabargain deal with Mr Starr. He has been in hiding since agreeing to co-operate with prosecutors in the Whitewater case two years ago. Hale explained to the jury

that under the scheme Madi-Guaranty, McDougal's company, would make a \$500,000 loan to buy land that he, Hale, owned. In turn, Hale would place the money into Capital Management Services, his small finance firm, and thereby qualify for \$1.5 million in federal funds from which he would make loans to Mr McDougal and Mr Tucker. By the time they left Mr

Tucker's house, said Hale, "we had agreed on what our duties were and what we were going to do". The plan involved the sale of the property at an inflated price. Hale would inject the profits into his company and the Small Business Administration would match the funds by three to

### 'Sex trio' hoaxers trick TV talk show FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGEUES

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A TALK show that thrives on the bizarre and often humiliating confessions of its guests has been made the laughing stock of American television by three Canadian hoaxers.

Posing as a wronged wife, a faithless husband and a seductive babysitter, the phoney guests appeared last year on the nationally syndicated Jerry Springer Show, which be-lieved their story hook, line and sinker" and, according to the hoaxers, never checked it.

Heavily criticised in recent months as a thinly disguised freak show that takes advantage of troubled misfits, the programme sued the Canadians for \$50,000 in damages. Last week it reached a verbal out-of-court settlement to try to avoid an embarrassing trial.

The hoax was prompted by an on-show request for volunteers willing to confess on air to their wives that they had been sleeping with their

children's teenage babysitter. The prospect of seeing his friends on a Jerry Springer episode entitled "Honey, Have I Got A Secret For You!" was too much for Ian Sirota, a stand-up comedian from Toronto, to resist. Impersonating his flat-mate and fellow comedian, Johnny Gardhouse, he telephoned the producers saying he was indeed having an affair with his au pair.

The men recruited friends to play the tearful wife and deliant seductress, and "the next thing we knew we're at the airport, flying to Chicago at the programme's expense one hoazer said. According to court papers filed in response to the programme's lawsuit, its producers never checked references and persuaded Mr Gardhouse to go through with his "confession" even when he said it would devastate his family and tried to back out. Producers argued it would

be safest to make the confession on television, since at home his "wife" might turn violent, the court papers allege. Suzanne Muir, "the wife", also claims the programme tried to dupe her into thinking it would offer a way to restore romance to her

Multimedia, the company that produces this and similar programmes; has fired two Jerry Springer Show producers but denies it coerced or



Clint Eastwood, 65, and television presenter Dina Ruiz, 30, who were married in a private ceremony in Las Vegas on Sunday, arriving for a Golden Globes Awards ceremony in Los Angeles. It is his second marriage and her first

# China defends police raid on orphans' charity banquet

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING had not formally applied to

CHINA said yesterday that its security police raided a charity banquet in aid of orphans and barred best-selling author Amy Tan from addressing it because the fundraising event had not been registered with the authorities.

The American Ambassador to Peking, Jim Sasser, and top American corporations were at the banquet at the weekend to hear Ms Tan. a Chinese-American well known for her book, Joy Luck Club.

Yesterday the Chinese Foreign Ministry said the charity

hold fundraising activities on behalf of Chinese orphans. Seeking to justify the police action, a spokesman said Tim Baker, executive director of the Philip Hayden Foundation, had "admitted this activity violated laws and regulations of Peking municipality".The ministry said the banquet was allowed to go ahead because more than 400 people had

James McGregor, chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce here, said

paid \$72 (£47) each to attend.

the banquet "was designed to raise money to help Chinese orphans. Politics did not come into it". China regards the issue of orphans as sensitive after criticism that babies had been allowed to starve to death at the state-run orphanage in Shanghai. ☐ Hong Kong: The Government will release 214 Vietnam-

ese boatpeople from camps today after a ruling by the Privy Council last week that it was illegal to detain people if Vietnam was not willing to take them back. (AFP)

### WORLD SUMMARY

# **Briton** 'held for ransom

Phnom Penh: Christopher Howes, the British mine disposal expert abducted in northwest Cambodia, is alive and being held for ransom. Prince Norodom Ranariddh. Cambodia's First Premier, said. Mr Howes was not in the hands of the Khmer Rouge, as was feared, but defectors from the left-wing movement illegally logging near the tourist town of Siem Reap. He ruled out military action to free the Briton. (Reuter/AP)

### Albania offered **US** military aid

Tirana: America is offering more than \$100 million (£65 million) in military aid to Albania, William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said. He told a press conference here that the package would include anti-tank and antiaircraft missiles, adding: "We do not have plans at this time to set up military bases in Albania." (AFP)

### Baseball umpire dies at game

New York: The baseball season's opening day was marred when a popular umpire died of a heart anack before 53,000 at Cincinatti Reds' stadium (Quentin Letts writes), John McSherry, 51, was a 322lb New Yorker. The televised game against Montreal Expos was abandoned.

### Taiwan delays war games

Taipei: Taiwan, responding to American and domestic concerns, has put off until June 30 war games on an island near mainland China "to avoid any misunderstanding and to ease tensions", the Taiwan Defence Ministry said. (Reuter)

### Dunkirk spirit

Lille: The mayors of the Palestinian coastal city of Gaza and Dunkirk have twinned, with the prospect of the Channel port city contributing to Gaza job creation projects. (Reuter)

Reeve: will speak the part of King Arthur

# Reeve starts new film

Christopher York: Reeve, the paralysed actor, is going back to work. Mr Reeve, a quadraplegic since a horse-riding accident last year, will speak the part of King Arthur in The Quest for Camelot, a cartoon (Quentin Letts writes).
The former Superman star

speaks only with the aid of a respirator and has to pause between sentences while the machine pumps air into his lungs. Recording will begin in

# TV crew films Californian police hitting suspects

By Our Foreign Staff

ordered the Justice Department to investigate an incident in which two Californian policemen were filmed allegedly beating up suspected illegal immigrants after a lorry chase at speeds of up to 100mph. Riverside County sheriff's

PRESIDENT CLINTON has

deputies finally stopped a battered, rusty lorry, crammed with at least 20 men and women, after it had been pursued by several police cars on a motorway. A television news helicopter

filmed one officer delivering at least six blows with a nightstick to one suspect even after the man was lying face down on the ground. The officer then grabbed a woman by the hair, pulling her from the cab. and beating her as reinforcements arrived to handcuff the pair, who appeared to offer no resistance. The television pictures showed that at least one other officer hit the woman. The two deputies have been

suspended from active duty

and placed on "administrative leave", pending the outcome of an investigation, officials said. Their names were not released, but the department said one has been in the force for 21 years, the other for five

immigrants are Mexican and the deputies are white. Civil rights leaders said the incident evoked memories of the 1991 videotaped beating of Rodney King, a black motorist by four white Los Angeles police officers. The officers' acquittals on state

years. The suspected illegal

charges in 1992 prompted riots in Los Angeles. "We're very concerned about what we saw on videotape," Sergeant Mark Lohman, of the Riverside Sheriffs Department, east of Los Angeles, told a television station. Asked if what he saw on the videotape was a demonstration of excessive force, Sgt Lohman said: "We use force when it's reasonable, necessary and justified ... You never know what's going through somebody's mind when they've gone through a lengthy pursuit."

Citing an "outery from the public". Sgt Lohman said: "We're very embarrassed and we are seriously concerned about the actions of our officers."

Local television stations were flooded with calls. "It's another Rodney King," said Ramona Ripston, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern

The chase began when the Immigration and Naturalisation Service had tried to stop the lorry at a checkpoint. As many as 20 people jumped out and ran after the vehicle stopped on the shoulder of the motorway in the Los Angeles suburb of El Monte. They were rounded up by police and immigration officers after fleeing into a plant nursery. They are being held at a detention

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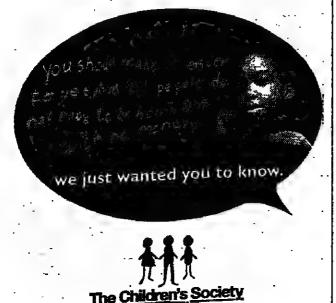
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### Sydney: The serial killing of South Wales' southern hightwo Australian backpackers involved a "severe degree of force" and indicated sex or

pathologist yesterday. Dr Peter Bradhurst said the fact that the zipper on the trousers of James Gibson was undone and the button done. up indicated "a possible sexual aspect to the death". He said a pair of pantyhose that had slip knots tied in each leg.

orah Everist, indicated a bondage aspect to the death. Ivan Milat, 51, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Britons Joanne Walter, 22, and Caroline Clarke, 21, and five others. Their bodies were found in makeshift graves in the Belanglo forest, 65 miles southwest of Sydney in New

pleaded not guilty to kidnapping and robbing a British hitchhiker, Paul Onions. on January 25, 1990. Gibson and Everist disap-

peared from Sydney in December 1989. Almost four years later their remains were found covered with leaves, branches and soil. Dr Bradhurst said Everist's injuries included four head wounds consistent with being caused by a sharp instrument, two head fractures, a fractured jaw and a rib stab wound. She died of multiple injuries. A severe degree of force would have been required to cause her injuries, Dr Bradhurst said. The pantyhose found near her body could have been used as a constraint (AP)

# Backpacker trial told of 'bondage motive'

bondage was a motive, a testified

found near the body of Deb-

lands. Mr Milat also has

# **Hutus drive Tutsis** out of Zaire in 'ethnic cleansing'

HUTU militiamen and Zairean soldiers have launched a pogrom against Tutsis in Zaire, driving hundreds of refugees into Rwanda, United Nations officials said yesterday.

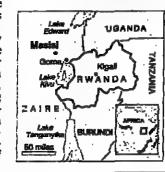
In the week marking the second anniversary of the genocide of a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in Rwanda, the "ethnic cleansing" of Zairean Tutsis opens a new chapter in attempts by Hutu extremists to establish a tribally pure homeland inside Zaire. Richard Danziger, co-ordi-

nator for the UN's International Organisation of Migration, said that 350 Tutsis had crossed into Rwanda each day since last Thursday, and more than 1,000 have been camped in a centre designed to aid Hutu refugees returning to Rwanda.

The fugitives, mostly Zairean-born Tutsis, have been forced to leave their homes which have been taken over by Hutus from Rwanda, other neighbouring tribes. The Tutsis are descendants of a people cut off from nists redrew the African kingKivu for the then Belgian The area to the west of Masisi Congo, or refugees from successive massacres in Rwanda since 1959.

Aid officials said it was clear that Hutu extremists, who have vowed to "finish the Tutsi", are bent on setting up a "Hutustan" from which to launch attacks inside Rwanda. Aid workers have found access to burnt out villages and hospitals almost impossible in Masisi, Zaire's most productive farming area, which has been cut off by the Hutus and their allies in the Zairean army since last

December. The hospital in Masisi, the central hospital for the zone, was recently pillaged and is now no longer operational.



town is also inaccessable due to the ongoing violence. The conflict is spreading through-out Masisi zone," a UN sec-

urity report said.
Tribal clashes between Tutsis, Hutus and the local Hunde tribe have been common for the last 20 years, but since the exodus of two million Hutus fleeing retribution for the genocide in Rwanda in 1994, the killing of Tutsis has risen sharply.

The rolling hills and farms have become a war zone through which Tutsis flit at night to safety in Rwanda 50 miles away. Statistics on how many have perished are im-possible to come by, but hundreds of burnt down homesteads are testimony to the Hutu intentions, aid workers said after recently returning from Masisi.

About 50,000 Tutsis an belived to have lived in Masisi among 600,000 Hutus and Hunde tribesmen. Tutsi refugees said that they expected those who managed to escape to follow them to safety in Rwanda. The status of the Tutsis from Zaire remains



A 12-year-old boy held at Gitarama Prison is among 1,000 children in Rwandan jails accused of taking part in the 1994 massacre of Tutsis

refused Zairean citizenship and have been considered to be refugees. However, if they manage to return to Rwanda they do not qualify for farm-land and other handouts for

returning refugees because they cannot prove that they are Rwandan citizens. ☐ Bujumbura: Antoine Nduwayo, Burundi's Prime Minister, has ruled out direct talks

between his Government and Hutu rebels after pressure from American and European Union aid donors for such dialogue. UN human rights officials have said Burundi is

suffering from "genocide by attrition", with the Tutsi-dominated army and Hutu rebels routinely slaughtering civilians in reprisal for attacks.

have been killed in Burundi since October, 1993 when renegade Tutsi soldiers assassinated Melchior Ndadaye, the country's first freely elected Hutu President (Reuter)

Rebel A enclave indepen

# Islanders fail to dislodge their British Governor

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

A DELEGATION from a tiny British dependency in the Caribbean was given a sharp rebuff yesterday by the Foreign Office, which rejected out of hand its petition to have the British Governor sacked. Sir Nicholas Bonsor, Minis-

ter of State at the Foreign Office, told Derek Taylor, the Chief Minister, and five Cabinet and Opposition leaders from the Turks and Caicos islands, that he had no intention of removing Martin Bourke. They had accused the Governor of trampling on their feelings and showing "intolerable disrepect" for the opinions of political, religious and community leaders.

Sir Nicholas also told them their threat of violence was unacceptable and that Mal-colm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, would not accept petitions if they were accompanied by the kind of threats made recently by the islands' politicians. Their allegations were "without substance" and their other complaints about the Governor's behaviour were, he suggested, laughable.

The Government told the delegation it was determined to enforce law and order and stamp out the trade in drugs on the islands. It added that it fully backed Mr Bourke in his efforts to maintain good government. "He will, therefore, remain in office," Sir Nicholas declared in his letter. The politicians' main com-

IN JERUSALIOM

THE Israeli army has declared war

on a new enemy, the mobile phone,

after the disclosure that more than

90 per cent of the latest batch of

recruits for training at the main

tank corps base arrived equipped

Commanders at the base in the

south of the country ruled that the

phenomenon had become intoler-

able and was interfering with the

with cellular phones.

plaint was that Mr Bourke wrote an article in a journal. Offshore Finance Annual 1996, admitting drug-dealing was rampant, police corruption rife and the population "morally indifferent"

They complained he was damaging the islands' reputation by admitting the crime rate had risen by 40 per cent in the past three years and that a police constable was under arrest, accused of robbing the Governor's residence.

These are problems and difficulties which every country faces and struggles from one day to the next to deal with," the petition said. It also complained that "while we



Bourke: fully backed by the Foreign Office

Yediot Ahronot.

ing combat duty. "The parents equip them with cellular phones

and they turn into ridiculous sol-

diers," one commander told the

biggest selling Tel Aviv daily.

The frenetic use of mobile phones

in Israel, one of the countries with

the highest per capita ownership in

the world, has caused problems in

synagogues where they have been

banned by irate rabbis and among

infantry units which were using

them to order pizzas to be sent

across the border from northern

would not pretend that the Turks and Caicos Islands does not have a drugs problem", an international publication was "not the place to deal with such issues".

Britain gave their arguments short shrift, Sir Nicholas saying: "We are of the opinion that an open and honest approach is more likely to be beneficial."

Mr Taylor and Washington Misick, leader of the islands' Opposition and one of the Governor's fiercest critics, also said Mr Bourke had habitually arranged for relatives and friends to avoid customs clearance; had appointed himself a marriage officer temporarily so as to conduct the marriage of his brother-in-law; and had not consulted local politicians

reappointment We consider this high handed, autocratic and despotic approach to the exercise by the Governor of his functions demonstrates a marked disrepect and disregard for the sentiments of the people," they

Britain sent six police to the islands last week to strengthen the local force, depleted by

Diplomats familiar with the Caribbean have denounced the campaign against the Governor, saying it is based on fear that tougher anti-drug measures will hit many community leaders.

Lebanon.

Israel into occupied southern

The army general staff has issued

an order banning them from being

used or even carried during "mili-

tary activity" as defined by the

commander of the unit in question.

"It is further stated that an officer

from the rank of major, or a

## Computer gets first byte of the cherry

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT

AS JAPAN gears up for its annual cherry blossom orgy, the weathermen are gambling for the first time on a supercomputer to forecast when the blooms will look their best for millions of enthusiasts planning hanami (blossom viewing) events.

Every spring since 1955 the Meteorological Office has issued daily bulletins on the state of blooms across the country. From late March television stations carry maps showing the northward advance of the sakura zensen (cherry blossom front), which takes more than a month to Hokkaido.

The meteorologists have a patchy record for accuracy, however, and the Japanese who plan their *hanami* revelries turn on the weathermen if the blossoms are past their peak on the day.

This year the Met Office is feeding the vast volume of data from around Japan into a supercomputer instead of relying on individual forecasts by regional observatories.

This year I think we'll do a better job" Shunji Takahashi, of the Applied Meteorology Division, said. "Of course one can never be 100 per cent correct," he added cautiously.

# Russians torpedo plan to control global arms sales

BY MICHAEL DYNES

PLANS to prevent the export formal meeting of the arms of high-technology weapons and equipment to rogue states were thrown into disarray yesterday after Russia refused to disclose details of its global arms sales.

Russian officials snubbed a new arms export control body for fear that such disclosures would jeopardise a vital source of the hard currency needed to prop up its ailing

Under the proposed export control regime, pariah states such as Iraq, Iran, Libya and North Korea were to be targeted in an effort to prevent a repetition of the piecemeal build-up of armaments before the Gulf War in 1990.

Nato and Russia among representatives from na yesterday, for the first created by Nato in 1949 to organisation.

control group, aimed at halt-ing the proliferation of lethal high-technology weaponry in the post-Cold War era. Russia's refusal to co-oper

ate has raised questions about the viability of the new initiative. "This refusal is threatening the whole regime," one diplomatic source said. Known as the Wassenaar Arrangement, after the Dutch

town where the signatories agreed on the need for new arms export controls last December, the new controls were also to be the first line of defence against terrorist groups seeking to acquire weapons of mass destruction.

The new export controls were to replace Cocom (the Coordinating Committee for prevent the export of sensitive technologies and military equipment to the Soviet Union and China. Cocom was wound up in 1994. The Wassenaar Arrange-

ment will have a full-time secretariat, probably based in Vienna, responsible for regulating the multi-billion pound international arms trade. Its central objective will be to prevent the sale of stealth technology, ballistic missile defence systems and conven-tional weapons such as hand-held missiles and advanced machine tools.

Despite high hopes for the new group, observers feared that it could fall apart within months if President Yeltsin loses the June election, and his successor decides to pull Mos-

political turmoil. He cited

London's refusal to intervene

over the execution on March

26 of Issa Ahmad Hassan

Qambar, who was convicted

of killing a policeman. Hu-

man rights campaigners feared his confession had been

extracted under torture. "If

you compare this with the case

of [Nigerian] Ken Saro-Wiwa,

it is a case of double stan-

dards," Lord Avebury said.

# Nigerian exile finds little help in Cape

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN CAPE TOWN

WHEN Austin Abada, a Nigerian student leader, arrived recently in Cape Town to escape persecution he was delighted to be in a country that appeared unswervingly sympathetic to his plight. Six weeks on, however, he has received no word about his asylum application and accuses South Africa and Western countries of dragging their feet over Nigeria's brutal

The 26-year-old economics student speaks with an authority borne of harsh experience. In his flat above a bank in a Cape Town suburb he dents tortured by the Nigeria Security Service and describes how he spent II months in detention, mostly in solitary

confinement. During that time, security officers whipped him with cable wire until his skin peeled back and then burnt the open wounds with cigars and candles. On countless occasions, they set about him with gun butts and heavy boots. So severe were his injuries that months later he still coughs blood.

A temporary permit has allowed him to take up a scholarship at the University of Cape Town. But if his application for asylum is rejected, he faces deportation. criminal charges and almost certainly death. The Nigerian Government wants him out of the way because he was a cofounder in 1994 of an organisation called the Campaign for Student Liberties.

He expected to get asylum within a week and is concerned that President Mandela is backtracking on his strong stand against Nigeria after the execution of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the writer, and eight others.

"After Ken's death we thought the world would at last sit up and take notice, but sadly we were wrong."

# Bahrain 'faces more violence'

By LEYLA LINTON

BAHRAIN is heading for an upsurge in violence if the ruling al-Khalifa family continues to abuse civil rights. Lord Avebury, the chairman of the parliamentary human rights group, said yesterday. "We are heading for a disaster the scale of which is impossible to contemplate for

the region," Lord Avebury

said at the launch of a report on the emirate. It details excessive force against a number of people who are being detained without trial. The majority Shia population are demanding the reinstatement of parliament set up in 1973 but shut down in 1975.

Lord Avebury criticised the British Government for not using its influence with the al-Khalifa family to resolve the

# Israeli generals hit panic button over recruits' army of mobile phones

According to Israeli officers, the biquitous portable phones have been used by soldiers both to inform anxious families when they are going on potentially dangerous operations and to play the notoriously volatile Tel Aviv stock market from remote locations. One government official said that there had

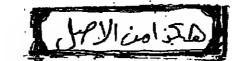
security officer, is permitted to even been a suspicion that use of a instruct a soldier not to carry or use mobile phone may have been the cause of a recent military helicopter a cellular phone for reasons of field security, communications security accident. Yaron Ezrahi, a political theorist, and/or army discipline," Yediot's said: "The cell phone has replaced

the gun as the symbol of macho and importance in Israeli society. In the past, social status was measured by proximity to military power. Today it is measured by proximity to conomic power.

The expert, one of many who have pointed out the extraordinary spread of mobile phones to every corner of Israeli life, said that in the past soldiers were famous for going to war with a gun and the Torah. meaning that they fought for the nation. Now they go with a gun and a phone "meaning I fight for my quality of life". Outlining the new attempted clampdown, which is certain to increase the growing reluctance of young Israelis to undergo compulsory military service, a tank corps commander said: Every round of recruits arrives with their cellular phones, but this latest group reached a new record. Every new army recruit was equipped with a telephone. It is

simply unbelievable. "Until now, the recruits used the public telephones on the base and there was never a problem."

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# Yeltsin signs Belorussia pact to thwart Communists' imperial ambitions



Presidents Yeltsin, left, and Lukashenko toast their treaty yesterday

By Thomas de Waal

PRESIDENTS Yeltsin and Lukashenko of Russia and Belorussia signed a treaty creating a Commonwealth of Sovereign States between their two countries vesterday, in a move aimed at outflanking the Russian Com-munist Party's plans to reinvent the Soviet Union.

In a day of Slavic brotherhood, April 2 was declared to be the Day of Unity of the Peoples, a new national holiday in the two countries, and the treaty was blessed by Patriarch Aleksi II, who walked between the two Presidents as they descended the Beautiful Porch in the Kremlin.

"Before our eyes history is returning to its sources," the Patriarch said, blessing the union of "two brother nations christened

However, such feelings were not shared in Minsk yesterday by about 5,000 people who marched through the Belorussian capital towards Mr Lukashenko's offices to protest about the pact. The protesters, who later numbered 12,000, were

and gathered at the opera house. The new "commonwealth" has deliberate overtones of the Soviet Union, which Mr Yeltsin hopes will boost his electoral chances.

prevented by about 1,000 police

from approaching parliament

The Russian initials of the new union, SSR, recall the USSR and Mr Lukashenko, its main initiator, has reinstated the Soviet-era flag of his republic. The festivities came only four days after another Kremlin ceremony in which the leaders of Kazakhstan and Kirghizia signed an economic pact with

an inner core within the Commonwealth of Independent Mr Yeltsin accelerated work on the two agreements in recent weeks to outmanoeuvre Gennadi Zyuganov, his Communist Party challenger for the presidency.

Their different approaches to

Russia and Belorussia, creating

republics have been a key electoral theme since Mr Zyuganov and the Communist-dominated Duma voted last month to declare null and void the Belovezhsk accord that led to the breakup of the Soviet Union. Mr Yeltsin denounced the vote as

divisive and dangerous. Under the treaty with Russia, Belorussia will maintain its sovereignty, flag and place in international institutions. In key areas, however, it will delegate its sovereignty to its powerful eastern neighbour.

The two countries will cooperate on foreign and defence policy and have agreed to move

end of next year. They will create a common market with a single tax system. Some Russian economists fear that as a result Russia will be called upon effectively to subsidise Belorussia's inefficient heavy industry, while other com-mentators say that the treaty has

been rushed through. The deal is a triumph for Mr Lukashenko, who was the only deputy in the Belorussian parlia ment to oppose the Belovezhsk agreement in 1991 and has campaigned for integration with Russia. Belorussia is the most "Russified" of the former Soviet republics and the national lan-

guage is not widely spoken.

Di Pietro

refuses

to take up

election

challenge

FROM RICHARD OWEN

ANTONIO DI PIETRO, the

Italian former magistrate and

folk hero who launched the

'Clean Hands" (Mani Pulite)

anti-corruption drive, yester-

day quashed speculation that

he would galvanise the elec-

third and final charge of

There is a growing view, however, that if the election

later this month produces

deadlock President Scalfaro

could turn to the hugely

popular Signor Di Pietro as a

Prime Minister "above party

before the vote, Centre-Left

and Centre-Right are bal-

by Silvio Berlusconi's Forza

Signor Di Pietro's decision

not to join either main group-

ing comes in his weekly col-

umn today in the magazine

Oggi. "Let me say once and for

all that I shall not participate

in the campaign in any way

whatever," he writes. "This is

not because I feel superior but

out of respect for our citizens

The move will be welcome

news for the beleaguered Signor Berlusconi, "Friends" of

Signor Di Pietro had indicated

that he would either join the

Centre-Left or, even more

lusconi, align himself with

Gianfranco Fini, the post-

Fascist leader of the Alleanza

Nazionale, the other main

(and increasingly dominant)

component of the Centre-

There were reports that

Signor Di Pietro, whose heart is said to "beat on the right" would only join Signor Fini if

Right bloc.

dangerous for Signor Ber

and institutions.

Italia, marginally ahead.

With just under three weeks

"abuse of office".

# Rebel Armenian enclave becomes independent state

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN STEPANAKERT, NAGORNO-KARABAKH

UNNOTICED by the outside world, a small Armenian state has formed in the southern Caucasus for the first time since the seventh century.

For Robert Rocharyan, the President of the self-declared Republic of Nagorno-Kara-bakh, the logic is compelling. His fighters have carved out a defensible territory and they will not let it go.
"We have been independent

of Azerbaijan for eight years." said Mr Kocharyan, a young, fast-talking former engineer. We see no stimulus that could make us join that republic. Everything divides us - culture, language, and then the war, a heavy weight from the

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Ten days ago the new statelet threw a party that reflected its confidence. Soldiers in beige uniforms and children in woolly hats converged on Stepanakert's stadium for a fundraising concert that was broadcast in Yerevan, the Armenian capital, and Los Angeles. Fifteen thousand people huddled into the stands to hear speeches, a singer croon I Love Karabakh, and watch commandos performing karate exercises. A 60-year-old marathon runner carrying an orange, blue and

red Armenian flag staggered round the stadium to

applause. Shusha, the old town in the hills which was predominantly Azerbaijani, is ghostly. It is still in ruins from the 1992 battle when the Armenians took the town, the first in a series of victories that turned the war in their favour. The interior of the mosque is a black shell and graves have been overturned. But the church of Gazanchetsots. where the Azerbaijanis stored Grad missiles during the war, is being restored and 2,000 Armenians, mostly refugees from Azerbaijan's capital, Baku, have settled there.

Armen Asatryan, an Armenian from Baku, hobbling up the ruins of the main street, said he had lost his leg in the fight for the Azerbaijan city of Agdam in 1993. He lives in a flat full of books that once belonged to an academic. It was a fair exchange for the loss of his flat in Baku, he said. There was no question of

giving back conquered territory, he said, especially by Nagorno-Karabakh, a fight-ing nation: "These lads, who have seen two or three years of war, you can't frighten them with anything."

xists," he said. Mr Kocharyan, a diligent student of the Dayton agreement, said he could not be put under the same pressure as the Bosnian Serbs. The route out of Karabakh suggests the building a road through the so-called Lachin corridor that s crasing the distinction between the territories. Traffic flows freely and more than 10,000 Armenians are doing military service in Karabakh.

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The strength of pride in Na-

gorno-Karabakh, plus a pow-erful army and defensible

frontiers, look likely to see off

the latest peace initiatives by

Washington and Moscow,

After Strobe Talbott, the top

American negotiator with the

former Soviet Union, shuttled

between Moscow, Baku and

Yerevan last month there were

rumours of a "framework document" being hammered

out in time for the Moscow

summit of the nuclear powers

An uneasy Mr Kocharyan said he would resist pressure

to sign any documents prema-turely. "For April they are

talking about general princi-ples of a settlement," he said.

I think that could be of some

use. But if they try to thrust a

document at us that speaks of

the territorial integrity of Azer-baijan and only a high degree

of self-rule for Karabakh, then

The President said he want-

ed security guarantees that gave Armenia the right to intervene militarily. "In this

respect it is very simple for us.

The possible ramifications are

black and white. Karabakh

risks complete annihilation if

it forgets for a day that a threat

of course we will not sign it."

later this month.

# Walesa clocks on for work at shipyard

IIV ROGER BOYES

A BLACK limousine yesterday whisked Lech Walesa, the former Polish President, and his beefy bodyguard through the gates of the Gdansk shipyard where he clocked in for work as a £120-a-month electrician.

Mr Walesa's return to his political roots — he led the 1980s strikes at the yard which brought down the Communist Government — was partly a protest at a ruling that bars former Presidents from claiming a state pension.

"What is a former President supposed to do, become a barman or something?" the 52-year-old Nobel laureate

The main point of returning to the yard was for Mr Walesa to gain fresh authority in his attempts to raily Poland's workers behind a new anti-Communist opposition. This has been his goal since being defeated in elections last November by Aleksandr Kwasniewski, a former Communist. The yards, which are on the verge of bankruptcy, have become a kind of Roman amphitheatre, an arena for Poland's political conflicts. When Mr Walesa clam-

bered over the shipyard gates in August 1980, he helped to spawn Eastern Europe's first independent trade union movement. An apparently fruitless shipyard strike in May 1988 led to talks with the Communist Government and paved the way for an orderly handover of power. Mr Walesa has frequently come back to the yard, where he was on the payroli until he became President in 1990, to assert himself as the true voice of the Polish working class.

Amid the rubbish were

several bloodstained blind-

folds and the ID cards of men

who have been missing since

the fall of Srebrenica. Howev-

er. Mr Rohde said: "Pretty

much everything I photo-

graphed [in October] has gone
— the shoes and a pair of

In all, ii graves were

thought to contain the remains

of about 3,000 people. The

Bosnian Government says

glasses on a field."



Lech Walesa, the former Polish President, is given a set of screwdrivers by a well-wisher

Money, then, is a secondary factor. Mr Walesa has won hundreds of thousands of pounds from various human rights prizes over the past 15 years and while some cash there has been enough to buy a large home in a leafy Gdansk suburb. He also received a \$1 million (£654,000) advance from Warner Brothers for the rights to a film of his life. Robert De Niro was lined up for the central role and he visited the Baltic port

eral Wojciech Jaruzelski, Mr. city to meet the Solidarity leader; the film was never made but the taxman wants his slice of Mr Walesa's fee. About half the money seems to have been spent. and cars for his grown-up sons. Mr Walesa's limousine

and bodyguards (who earn about twice his electrician's salary) are paid for by the state. The Polish parliament, then dominated by Solidarity deputies, ruled against a presidential pension so that GenWalesa's predecessor as head of state, would not benefit. Mr Walesa is also expected

to make money on the American lecture circuit despite his erratic rhetorical skills. He is likely therefore to be an absentee electrician, but may prove to be a valuable asset investors. Last year it record-

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# Serbs 'tried to hide mass graves'

INVESTIGATORS from the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal began surveying alleged mass grave sites near Srebrenica yesterday to gather evidence to prosecute Bosnian Serb suspects.

The Bosnian Serbs are accused of massacring thousands of Muslims when they overran the "safe area" last July. Fresh evidence suggests, however, that they have tampered with grave sites in an attempt to cover up the

The Nato-led peace implementation force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, (Ifor), which has refused to guard suspected sites, insists there is no evidence to suggest any of the Il areas identified by American air surveillance around Srebrenica has been altered. Evidence of tampering is apparent, however, at one site -Sahanici, west of Zvornik. Three survivors who hid

under dead bodies before escaping have said that graves lie in a field just beyond a school. Between 600 and 1,000 Muslim men were held there before being taken to nearby fields for execution last

Half the field has green foliage, half is covered with freshly churned earth. The

Serbs for two weeks.

The Hagne: A girl cheated death by hiding under her sister's corpse and a woman of her husband when Bosnian Croat forces raided the Muslim village of Stupni Do

mounds of mud are unmistakably the result of fresh digging and fresh tyre tracks lead

## Croat raiders accused

was made to watch the killing in 1993, the United Nations

According to David Rohde,

a Christian Science Monitor reporter who discovered the site in October and returned yesterday, Serbs have tried to hide debris from the massacre by covering it with rubbish. When he found Sahanici, Mr Rohde was kept prisoner by

yesterday. The survivors were

Rajic is at large. (Reuter)

another 5,000 are still missing. The war crimes investigators refused to specify War Crimes Tribunal beard

which grave sites they would be surveying or excavating but an official said Sahanici was likely to be one of them. Ifor has refused to escort in-

testifying against Ivica Rajic, a militia leader whose men allegedly killed about 16 civilvestigators as they examine sites, but it will provide the ians in the farming village of no military significance. Mr "area security" it affords its own patrols.

### **Ecologist** in jail for fire

Madrid: A Spanish ecologist has been jailed for ten years and fined £130,000 for start ing a forest fire (Edward Owen writes). Juan José Cosin, 39, was charged with starting the fire in May 1994, which devantated 13,000 acres of forest near Valencia. Hundreds of people had to be evacuated and the fire carried on burning for weeks. Cosin told the court in Valencia that he had been

protesting against local plans to install a warehouse for radioactive lightning conductors (often connected to radio masts and microwave dishes). A tribunal of magistrates said that there was "an evident contradiction" in his ecological attitude and the charges he had been facing. The sentence is the longest imposed for deliberately starting a forest fire.

# Catholic fears over priests' sex lives

By RICHARD OWEN

A THIRD of Italian Catholic priests are secretly married or have secret sexual relationships, a report claims.

According to Fr Guido D'Altri, head of Vocatio, an organisation of married priests, a quarter of the 40,000 riests "in active service" in Italy leave the Church after less than five years, many of them to marry. Of those who remain, about 30 per cent have a secret long-standing sexual

relationship Fr D'Altri admits there is no public register of "priests with girlfriends", but there is a network of confidences", he says, and letters, telephone calls and meetings "leave a trace". "Small transgressions

ones," he said. "The priesthood is facing a grave crisis." In the early Church, priests

and bishops were often married. In the 6th century marriage was forbidden and celibacy has been the ideal ever since.

Mass ban: A bishop known as "the Zambian witch doctor"

has been banned from celebrating Mass by Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, the Archbishop of Milan, because his services include exorcism of "those possessed by devils". Five thousand admirers of Emmanuel Milingo, the former Archbishop of Lusaka, widely praised for his healing of the sick in a Milan parish, have signed a petition calling for his reinstatement.



Di Pietro: his decision will please Berlusconi

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# The return of the society snapper.

Kelly reports on the booming demand for traditional, sophisticated photographs of debutantes

BARE-SHOULDERED. her head in half-profile, Iona Reid Scott is photographed in moody black and white staring into the middle distance. But for her gold modernist earrings, this could be a shot from the 1950s.

Yet this photograph was taken last year, to mark Miss Reid Scott's seventeenth birthday, Her father, David, noted that his late wife Anne had been photographed at the same age, and wanted a similar record of his daughter and her sisters. Serena and

The photographer was Antoinette Eugster. She among the most successful of a new generation of society photographers who are enjoying an extraordinary vogue. Just as the debutante scene continues to thrive - from tonight's Rose Ball at the Park Lane Hotel, London, to its culmination in September at the Queen Charlotte's ball so the desire for styled, sophisticated shots of families and their daughters is booming.

Lady Celestria Noel. the social editor of Harpers & Queen, believes that the present generation will be more photographed than any other. Forget holiday snaps taken by doting parents. These are photographs taken by professionals.

"There is a boom in private commissions from the photographers we use for Jennifer's Diary, our social column." says Lady Celestria. "We are rung up every day of the week with readers asking for photographer's numbers."

Every rite of passage needs to be captured on celluloid. Christenings, birthday parties, the first day at school, the eighteenth, the twenty-first, the wedding, the baby, the fiftieth birthday party, not to mention myriad family groups between, are all faithfully recorded. Any country-





A tradition in focus: Iona Reid Scott, left, in a contemporary photograph by Antoinette Eugster. Right, a group of debutantes in 1957, coming down the stairs to the ballroom at Grosvenor House

house drawing room positively drips photographs.

Perhaps the most convincing evidence of the rise and rise of social photography is the triumph of the personalised Christmas card. Begun by the royals and perfected by Americans, the art was then hijacked by the British aristoc-

Last Christmas, for the third ear running. Tatler presented the best of its portraits from a bulging postbag. "A shopbought missive just won't do," the magazine declared. There were cards from the Duke and Duchess of Westminster with their children Lady Tamara, Lady Edwina and Lady Viola Grosvenor, from Sir Tim and Lady Bell with their children

Harry and Daisy, and from Rose Constance and Robin, the children of Dr Charles and Lady Iona Mackworth-Young. There has even been a revival in the studio shot of the society belle. Mark Miller-

ociety photography probably began with Brodrick Haldane. the man whom Cecil Beaton described as the founder of modern society photography", who died earlier this year. He first snapped a Box Brownie at a fête at Glamis Castle in 1930.

Haldane was famous for his inimitable records of great Mundy has reinvented such consciously retro black and white shots with old-fashioned

When Haldane began plythe Countess of Strathmore. the mother of Queen Eliza-Photography was not then a beth, the Queen Mother, using profession for the socially am-

beauties such as Marlene Dietrich and Margaret Duchess of Argyll, the super-models of their day, who would appear on cigarette cards. His characteristic pictures never used artificial and studio lighting, preferring always to capture his subjects in natural

ing his trade, he was shunned by some of his peers. One indignant laird at the same Glamis fête declined to pose for him and said: "I hope this is merely a passing phase."

bitious. The Duke of Westminster once threw a glass of champagne at Haldane, while fellow professionals compelled to wait outside the glittering assemblies pelted him with

mud and stones. He was the first of the "stranded gentry", as he termed them, to make photography his profession; the first to be on the inside track, says Lady Celestria.

Since then, both Lord Lichfield and Lord Snowdon have followed in his wake, and publicly acknowledged their debt to his early help and

Today's society photograohers are just as much a part of the society they photograph as Haldane — but nobody

would dream of shunning them for their profession. Hugo Burnand is a tall, dashing, blond Old Harrovian who photographs for Tatler.

His work is much in demand

another hot photographer

- and so is he. Miss Eugster is

whose diary is full. Of course, times change. "Society" is no longer the coterie it once was. Gone are the announcements in the

newspapers that "Mr and Mrs Snooks would be leaving for Styles now vary. Some shots ape earlier photographs, with xosed formality. But informal-

ity tends to be the rule. Country Life's Girls in Pearls slot is quite likely to be a picture of Tara Palmer-

Tompkinson in a fur-hooded ski suit, though a vestige of formality remains in the caption informing us that she is the younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Palmer-

wished for portraits both formal and informal. "I thought the children were all at interesting stages in their development, and so I wanted to capture them on camera. Iona was 19, Camilla

17 and Serena 14," he says. "I wanted the photos done professionally because I wanted a permanent record of the girls which wasn't simply happy snaps taken by Dad. The girls did their own hair and make-up. I wanted to avoid having very formal photos taken, so we didn't hire professional hairdressers or make-up artists. Especially for the younger two, I wanted them to be photographed very

The trend is clear but the reasons for it are not. "I don't really know why," says Lady Celestria. "It may be something to do with reaffirming position in a shifting world. Or just the desire for a record."

"It's not arrogance," says Ewa Lewis. "It's just that these families feel that they want to keep a record of their history. just as their forebears did." Brodrick Haldane would sure-



# Dominic Kennedy on the Act which is killing a travelling way of life End of the road for Gypsies

here Henry VIII and Elizabeth
I failed to stop the British Gypsy from a-roving, Michael Howard has succeeded. The Tudors used random beheading and enslavement. Mr Howard changed a 500-year pattern of country life by passing the Criminal Justice Act.

Last autumn, for the first time in generations, the Gypsy caravans which traditionally headed for the harvests of fruit in Cambridgeshire, hops in Kent and green beans in Lincolnshire were

missing.

Gypsies have become too frightened to venture onto the open road for fear of being moved along. They are clinging to their pitches in official camps, knowing that councils need no longer provide them with a home.

It is a sorry plight for the 100,000 Gypsies in England and Wales whose ancestors undertook a long migration across Europe from India. Romanies appeared in the Middle East in 1100. reached Greece by 1300 and crossed the Channel in 1500.

They were unpopular and oppressed from the start. Henry VIII made it legal for his subjects to behead Gypsies, then incorrectly known as "Egyptians", on the spot. Elizabeth I allowed them to be sold into slavery.

Tracts from the 16th century describe

brightly-coloured bands of Gypsies arriv-ing at English villages to perform conjuring tricks and engage in the traditional occupations of tinkering and



Gypsies at Appleby Horse Fair

selling fabrics and pottery. Folk tales and songs portrayed the Gypsy as a romantic but reckless figure, roaming the countryside to deflower maidens and scamper away in a manner which would raise the hackles of a latterday Child Support Agency enforcement officer.

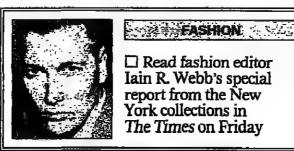
Now this hardy band of wanderers is being pressurised into hanging up its bunches of lucky heather and accepting the settled lifestyle of most contemporary Britons. To the dismay of their admirers. romanies are now queuing to get onto council-house waiting lists.

When they try to do that they always come to grief because they are traditionally nomadic," says Derek Hawes, a housing and public policy expert at Bristol University. "Having to live in a house is somehow intimidating. The fact that they cannot just drive off when they feel like it is quite a significant psychological barrier. Except for the very old, it almost always comes to some kind of an unhappy ending."
The Criminal Justice Act made two

important changes to the lot of the Gypsy. First, he no longer has the right to be given a camp site by the local council. Second, councils were given speedier and more effective powers to move on Gypsies who had stopped by the wayside.

The effect was immediate. Half the authorities in the country served notices to remove Gypsies from illegal encampments. There was an 11 per cent fall in the number of caravans parked in fields and waysides in the year following the Act.

"Lots of Gypsies have stopped travel-ling." says Dr Hawes, co-author of the new edition of *The Gypsy and the State*, published yesterday. "Once they get themselves on a legal site they tend not to move anywhere. They seem to be saying that it is too threatening out on the road. That is in effect stopping a traditional way of life, which people said the Act



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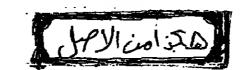
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Orchids join the ranks of the florally incorrect en don't act on impulse any more, it's too risky. Catch a whiff of some-Giles Coren thing nice on a young lady at the wonders bus stop, chase after her with the

where have all first thing you can grab from the florist, and she is quite likely to the Eighties say: "Yuk, orchids. How very 86." But rip a clump of thistles and flowers gone? dandelions from a patch of waste land and she is likely to think they were ordered from a pukka west London flower shop patronised

flower stall, floral opportunists on the central reservations of dual carriageways, and test-tube tulips that change colour according to the dye in the phial.

In the garages the staple fare is chrysanthemums, bright orange and smelling of diesel. In the roadside buckets it is red tea-roses that hardly open and smell of nothing at all. But it is these second-rate outlets that have taken over the market — of the £I billion spent annually on flowers in Britain, less than half goes to the nation's 8,000 florists.

There is not much call for these droopy efforts in royal circles. however. We prefer big white bianca roses from North Africa and India," says Tim. "And we will sell English pink chrysanthe mums when they're in season, but not the flouncy orange ones from Holland. We're into spring now, so it's daffodils, jonquils and narcissi. And no carnations."

Even the once ubiquitous baby's-breath appears only in season, at the end of summer, and calls itself English gyp.

In the early 1990s eucalyptus, bear grass and kangaroo paw and paved the way for the thistle, the sunflower and the ornamental cabbage. And other flowers, like the roses which had had the scent bred out of them, were redeemed.

But the vagaries of commercial growers do not worry Mary Adams, whose Flower School, in Belgravia, teaches the principles the has deaved to for more than 40 vears. "Gimmicks fade quickly." she says. "I teach a natural English style that is timeless, using ivy, roses, herbs and fruits. In America, where flowers are so horribly gimmicky, they go wild for it.

"The tied bunches which the royals are so keen on are a new fashion in florists, but I have been trying to convert the public to them for ages. It took me eight years to get people away from carnations and silver paper."

nd so, as ever more garages and newsagents join the floral dance and peddle their poxy petals to the horticulturally dyslexic, the trendy set are leading a return to the values of the English countryside.

Back at Harper and Tom's, Tim admits that he does not like the snob element in the new fashion, But if we delivered chrysanthemums to any of our clients," he says, "they would be on the phone in seconds. The preference for one style or another is only a matter of taste, though. The real reason we think garage flowers are horrid is because they come from garages."



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by the Princess of Wales.

Such as Harper and Tom's, for

example. "The crucial thing is that

you buy in season," Tim, the

florist, told me. "You want Eng-

lish garden flowers, like forget-

me nots, that look as if you have

just pottered round the garden

and picked them up. Then they

should be wrapped in paper, not

polythene — we haven't used that for four or five months now — and

tied with paper bows. We are

trying to get away from raffia."

This is a backlash against the

bloom boom of the 1980s that saw

cut flower sales biossom from

£200 million in 1984 to £400

million in 1988. Expensive, pretty

and short-lived, they epitomised

the era of instant gratification at

the expense of long-term stability.

Orchids in the 1990s are sold in

pots. They stay in bloom for a

couple of months, and come back

the next year. Cut orchids are as

The legacy of those live fast, die-

young years has been the advent of the garage and newsagent

florally incorrect as carnations.

Nigella Lawson

Don't grow old, grow up No amount of New-Age quackery can halt the downhill slide into middle and old age, and the sooner we all face up to that, the better

ous, and perhaps not altogether truthful, to say. I had nothing against alternative medicine Those who wish to spend hundreds of pounds and far too much time while someone tells them that crushed violet and eye of newt will make them better and brighter and stop them, into the bargain, from suffering from lumbago are more than welcome to. true, I did once go to an I'm sure that in many cases. alternative medicine - or, as acupuncturist and once to a

sible and ineffective. But I in the Sixties they feel they unscientific medicine — does really help people. The thera-peutic effect of having somedon't claim to judge all those who practise the New Age arts one listen sympathetically to on the basis of that. It's not so much they who arouse my your problems is not to be underestimated, nor facetioussuspicion (one can at least see ly dismissed. I have little in the what their game is), but rather way of evidence to bring to those who turn to them. bear. Many years ago, it's It's the reasoning - and I use the term loosely - they

homoeopath, but found the

give. These people complain that conventional medicine has failed to treat their ailments adequately. And what, in the main, are these ailments? An unspe cific sense of being: culprits lower in energy

than they'd like, of feeling not quite as fresh and frisky and sprauncy as thev remember feeling in the past. In short, these people are not young any more. When you're 20

you can go to bed too late three nights running and not feel it. Well, that changes, and no lotions, potions or crystals can do anything about that. This strange malaise, this illness of our times, is nothing but an inability to face up to the fact that as we grow older, we do indeed grow older. Those of my generation.

born in the Sixties, are encouraged in this by those of the generation, or half-generation, above. These are the real culprits. Having come of age

must forever be the golden generation. To have been young then may have been very heaven, but now it must be merry hell for them. It just seems to have made them incapable of seeing themselves as anything other than perpet-

ually young. These are the great pushers of the you'reonly-as-old-as-you-feel line. But this palpably isn't so. We all feel a certain age - for some it's The real about 17, for others 53 - but the trage-

are those who came of age in the Sixties

> lem. Anything that helps to maintain the illusion must be grasped: alternative medicine must, then, seem like a lifeline. wouldn't be as foolish as to think that ours is the first age to wish so devoutly to find the mysterious elixir of youth. But we don't come clean about it.

We think we would be perpetually young if it were not for the debilitating effects of pollution, mineral deficiencies or food intolerances. Of course

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THE other day at an airport bookshop, while I was looking for something to read on the flight from Heathrow to Manchester, I saw in the Gift Ideas section a new book by Sheila Kitzinger with the title Home Birth and Other Alternatives to Hospital. I don't say that Mrs Kitzinger's books should not be put on display (even if I haven't got over her telling us that labour was a great psychosexual experience, and that pain could be banished by thinking of cool streams and mountain passes). But how could anyone think this book would

make an ideal present? It says something about the level of smug, back-to-nature do-goodery these days that it might occur to someone that this book is suitable for giving to anyone. I can't think of any situation in which presenting Home Birth and Other Alternatives would be anything

but an impertinence.

I realise I am beginning to sound like a curmudgeonly reactionary this week, but can live with it. What I can't live with is this bossy intrusiveness that masquerades as concern. To allow people to think it might be permissible to make a gift of their over-bearing views, that one might be grateful to receive them, is extraordinary. I managed to see the joke when, shortly after my thirtieth birthday, i was sent a press copy of How to Look Fabulous Over 40. just as I had mustered amuse ment at being sent for review, by a literary editor who had witnessed the break-up of a particular romance, a book with the title If I'm So Wonderful, Why am I Still Single?. But I think I would draw the line at a gift-wrapped birthing-pool manual.

the belief that nature is beneficient, the symbol of all that is desirable and good in the world, that to consider that nature might be capable of wreaking such undesirable changes upon us is unthinkable. We look for natural cures, but we scorn the natural rolanation.

We're used to hearing how children these days can no longer be children, they're all

That might well be so, but I wonder if everyone is so sensitive to that because, underneath all the desperate selfdelusion, they glimpse the truth and resent that they quickly. Perhaps it is true that childhood is woefully truncated these days, but no one could accuse our age of being a mature one. Rather it is a remarkably infantilised one. Adolescence now goes on till about 50, if not beyond.

forced to grow up too quickly.

As I said, it is those who were young in the Sixtles who

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else to begin to accept that ageing is inevitable. And the problem becomes self-perpetuating. We all then begin to think of ourselves as younger than we are.

I do concede, though, that the whole business of age is different now. When I was a child people of 35 really did look and think of themselves as middle-aged. Now we expect someone of 50 to be more less the same as they were in their thirties, a bit older, only not so as you'd notice. Unfortunately, underneath the Lycra body the real body is degenerating. And there is no cure for old age, not even at the hands of New Age quacks. Just because they deny reality doesn't mean they, or we, can

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# Alan Coren



### ■ Why I dread the men who always make a fortune out of a crisis

The hounds of spring are on winter's traces. Their nostrils flare, their tongues drool, their ears perk, their jaws snap, their eyes flash, and every last fibre of their eager bodies strains against the taut confines of their black jackets and pinstriped trousers.

Yes, dead right, got it in one, they are lawyers. They are members of the Garden Bar, and as, this vernal morning, I look down from my attic window over the bur-geoning Cricklewood sward, my mind's eye sees their phantoms loping my borders, prodding this, sniffing that, shaking these, kicking those, and generally manifesting all the barking enthusiasm of their breed. For it is a fine spring day, which is to say a day when the prospect of a fine springs up at every turn, bringing fine prospects of their own to these keen hounds of spring. Whence, with the lark on the wing and the

snail on the thorn, these sombre visions? Selly Oak, Birmingham, is whence: for it was there, on Monday, that the peace of a suburban garden was cleft by the rasp of a chainsaw cutting the latest notch in the dispute between neighbours Charles Stanton and Michael Jones which has been broiling along for 17 years, at a legal cost, so far, of £100,000; a sum spent in attempting to determine whether Stanton's hedge, as Jones asserts, is too high. I take no sides in this, not because these are two seriously litigious wackos whose libel writs would be hitting my doormat before this column was wrap-ping tomorrow's haddock, but because, for me, there is only one thing too high about all this, and that is the hereinabove sum, which, when I look out on the landscape hereinbelow, makes my blood run cold.

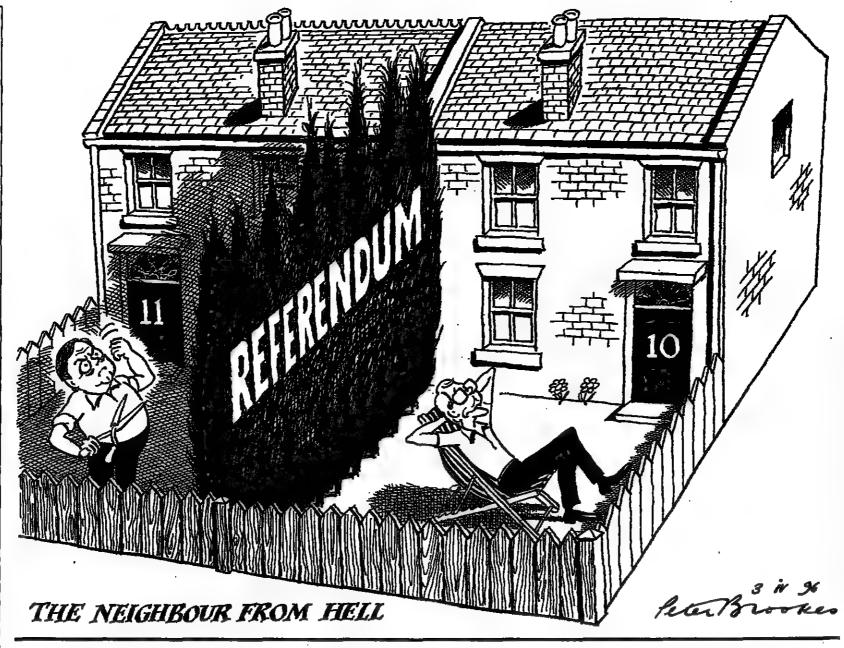
Look with me, at my garden. See, it is bounded on three sides, leaning fences left and right, a wobbly wall at the back. It is a low wall, to allow balls booted over it by the kids beyond to be pounced on by the dog on the left hurtling through the gap in the fence. It does not hurtle through for the ball, mind, the ball is a bonus, it hurtles through to get at the cat on the right which has crawled through the space left by a roned gravelboard. The cat has done this to get at the fish in my pond, now that the water-level has risen high enough as the result of winter seepage from the garden beyond the wall, which is also the reason the wall is wobbly, lacking the foundations I was assured were unnecessary when I had it built, the ground being hard in 1978, ie. before the neighbour beyond raised his soil level so that water

could seep through.

Question: If the wobbly wall fell away from my garden onto the footballing kids of the neighbour who raised the soil to wobble it, how long would it take a decent lawyer to buy himself a Ferrari? Longer than it would take a decent lawyer representing the neigh-bour on my left, if the wall fell into my garden, flattening his dog as it hurtled in after the cat which had crawled in from the right? Bear in mind here that a really decent lawyer could have a field day with the co-defendant responsible not only for wobbling the wall but for allowing his kid to kick over it a ball that might be judged the dog's prime object. since it did not actually go for the cat, this having been established in another court, where the flattened cat had been produced in evidence during an action against the owner not only of a gravel-board neglected to a felinicidal state, but also of a pond raised to a level deemed unfairly irresistible to cats, due to the negligence of the man beyond who should have taken potential seepage into account when backfilling soil and, colaterally, undermining an unfounded wall.

And if the cat did not die at all, but shinned up a tree I have allowed to overlimb the garden beyond, and fell on the infant footballer, causing years of expensive counselling? And if the dog did not die but was merely knocked by the falling wall into the fishpond, and bit my typing finger as I pulled it out, occasioning major loss of earnings? Or if . . .

But you cry, are you not all reasonable men, you four, able to settle such matters over a pint and a pickled walnut? Yes, we are, now, but Jones and Stanton were reasonable men, once. Until there arose a little cloud out of the garden, no bigger than a lawyer's hand.



# When liberalism sleeps

he so-called Prevention of Ter-rorism (Additional Powers) Bill being rushed through Parliament today is a nasty piece of legislation. Whether it is needed to counter a "public emergency" is moot. The Home Secretary says the police have asked for new powers because they suddenly want to institute random searches of people and property in central London. "My responsibility." says Michael Howard, "is to ensure that, if these powers have the potential to save one life during the Easter recess,

the police are not denied them."
We all have candidates for what urgent measures might save a life this Easter. What should concern Parliament is its duty of scrutiny. The Prevention of Terrorism Act was introduced in 1974 by Roy Jenkins as a short-term measure to counter a nationwide rash of bombings and shootings. It restricted the free movement of citizens within the United Kingdom and permitted solitary detention without access to a lawyer for two days (extendable) and for a week without charge or trial. Abuse of the Act led to the disastrous Guildford people believed that, since Britain was not a tinpot dictatorship and Mr Jenkins was an eminent liberal, the law must be needed and would doubtless be shortlived. It was only for a year, renewable.

That belief was wrong. International law allows such legislation only where it is "strictly proportionate to the exigencies of the situation", and not on the basis that a past emergency might later re-emerge. Britain disagrees. It has each year derogated from Article 5(3) of the European Convention on Human Rights, which it signed, on the grounds that the country is in the grip of a "public emergency". The Home Office has to squirm over its powers: "temporary" becomes "temporary supplemental", then "supplemental temporary continuation". Now they are just "additional". This is the phraseology not of the Mother of Parliaments but of a Para-

guayan police chief. For the past 13 years the Labour Party has commendably voted against each renewal of the Act. The party shared the view of many in the intelligence community that it had achieved nothing that the criminal law could not achieve. Yet it had soured relations between the police and Catholics in Northern Ireland and the Irish communities in Britain. Harassment under emergency powers is a Labour should not be lulled into agreeing draconian counter-terrorism measures

principal reason for the non-recruitment of Catholics to the RUC. Exclusion orders made a martyr of Gerry Adams and ridiculed British justice overseas. Of the 7,000 arrested without trial, a majority of those later convicted were charged with non-terrorist offences. In other words, the Act was being used to aid normal criminal work. As for "intelligence-gathering" as its justifica-tion, no other free country allows policemen to hold citizens without charge to gather evidence against third parties. The scope for abuse is too great. During the IRA ceasefire in March of last year. Parliament infringed both the

European Convention and good sense by renewing the Act. This did not forestall the ending of the ceasefire. I am told that every shred of evidence Wharf and Aldwych bombs has been gathered under criminal law. If lives have been

saved, it was by expert policing, not fancy legislation.

Nonetheless, the Commons last month again voted to renew the Act. This time Labour voted with the Government, on the tenuous grounds that the Lloyd committee had been set up to look into its workings, should the ceasefire be resumed. The ceasefire has not been resumed, so it is hard to see what has changed to justify Labour's U-turn except that the Act is now embroiled in the Dutch auction of right-wingery between John Major and Tony Blair.

Not content with this U-turn, the Shadow Cabinet now seems spellbound by Mr Howard. If it was content with the Prevention of Terrorism Act last month, why has it now joined the Home Office in wanting it amended, urgently and in a yet more draconian direction? The answer is intelligence, shared with Labour, that the IRA might try a West End bombing campaign to celebrate the anniversary of the 1916 uprising. The IRA has allegedly just learnt how to sew bombs inside garments (a trick also known to Joseph Conrad). The London Special Branch, still smarting from the

arrival of MI5 on its patch, wants a political feather in its cap. It wants more powers for random searches of people and property even than it has under the

Act. Hence the bid for a new Bill. Why these powers were not thought necessary when the Act was renewed last month is a mystery. Why the anniversary of 1916 was not thought significant last month is a mystery. How random stop-and-search, used to no effect in Belfast, is supposed to avert a West End incendiary campaign is a mystery. Under the new powers, the police can stop and search anyone within a "designated area" without

suspicion of their being terrorists. Irish neighbourhoods can be cordoned off by a superintendent and house-to-house searches can be made withwarrant. Cars can be banned and towed away. Cargo can be searched at ports.

None of this need be out of suspicion of a bomb, merely if "expedient for purposes of investigation".

hese powers are wholly exceptional. The public is assured that they will be exercised with "circumspection and sensitivity" - assured by those who are exercising them. We have heard that before. But at least the public might have been reassured had there been due cross-examination and debate in Parliament, as there would have been had these powers been proposed last month under Prevention of Terrorism renewal. Instead, Labour has been conned by the old trick of being allowed access to confidential intelligence. Mr Straw unilaterally surrendered Parliament's normal process of scrutiny. He was bounced by Mr Howard as it appears Mr Howard was bounced by the police. Nobody wants a bomb on his conscience this Easter. The Metropolitan Police has pulled off a coup. Never has the capacity of the IRA to pollute British politics been

more spectacularly displayed. These days illiberalism has all the best tunes. The mastersingers of Islington are singing along with the Tories. This same Mr Straw was last week assuring the public that he was as fierce as the Home Secretary in seeking mandatory sentencing and curbing the discretion of wantonly liberal judges. His Education colleague, David Blunkett, eagerly promises an array of sin bins, suspensions and red cards for classroom rowdies. On social security, Labour is proposing new anti-fraud measures. It wants tougher restrictions on benefits to young unemployed. We are watching

the long sleep of liberalism.

I had assumed that at least Labour was strong on civil rights. Such rights may appear on no polister's popularity chart. They have about them an aura of beards and sandals and verbose European judges. Britain, so we believe, is iree of such necessities. Its liberties need no defending, since they are embodied in every politician, every judge, every newspaper editorial, British laws pass under the eagle eye of Parliament, not as random overnight diktats.

Yet to adapt a saying from more stirring times, for wrong to triumph the bounced. Opposition to the Prevention of Terrorism Act has always been answered by ministers replying that the innocent should have nothing to hide. I might say the same when politicians preach personal privacy against an intrusive press. Civil rights matter. They form the basis of citizen consent for government coercion when that coercion is necessary. Personal freedom, not the random interference of policemen, is the

default mode of democracy. We should heed Reinhold Niebuhr: "It is man's capacity for justice that makes democracy possible; it is man's inclination to injustice that makes democracy necessary." The Prevention of Terrorism (Additional Powers) Act is an inclination to injustice. Such laws cannot be justified merely by a potential threat to "the life of a single person". I accept that the Home Secretary must assess the threat and bear responsibility for any miscalculation. But the history of this tawdry legislation is of a steady slither down the path to authoritarianism. The defence against this slither was Niebuhr's democracy. Not now,

I wonder how this Parliament would react to a "Crime Prevention (Police General Empowerment) Act were one to stare it in the face. It would probably shudder briefly and pass it on the nod.

# One vote is not enough

John Redwood

calls for another Euro-referendum

The Cabinet is apparently poised to grant a referendum on a single currency. After weeks of delicate manoeuvring around the Cabinet table, the veiled threats and subtle pressures have ended in an agreement of a kind. I am delighted if a promise is to be made that the people will be consulted before Parliament hands over the powers it has from them on trust. But desirable though a referendum on a single currency is, it is not enough, it would be preferable to see a clear lead on the preterable to see a clear lead on the issue, a Government determined to safeguard sovereignty and prepared to do so, moreover, by insisting that a referendum should be held not just in the event of any Parliament wishing to abolish the pound, but also if any proposals emerge from the inter-governmental conference which would dimin-

mental conference which would diminish our capacity to govern ourselves.

The Conservative Party is yearning for some leadership on the great European questions. The nation would like to know more about the same leadership. like to know more about the euro. It would like the Government to make up its mind. The business community will need to know soon whether we shall go in or not. If we do, it will need to change cash handling machines, tills and computer programmes.

t would be best if the Government were to make up its mind on the principle of the single currency. The decision to give up most of our powers of economic self-government is not one which requires minute scrutiny, it is one we should be able to answer on general grounds. If we want a Europe of nations. with a common market between us. there is no place for a single currency. If we want to press on towards a single state in a country called Europe, then the single currency is essential. This choice cannot be fudged, finessed, or brought down to issues of immediate political or economic advantage. It is not something to be decided later, on the spur of the moment, in response to the pressures of the day. It is not something that a handful of MPs on either side of the argument should be able to win by a timely shove during a moment of government weakness. It is a defining issue. What sort of a people are we? Where do we belong? Do we value our independent institutions or don't we?

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As both the Government and the Op-position find it difficult to debate and settle the issue in principle, many have called for a referendum. We have had referendums before on constitutional issues. In 1975 we were asked whether we wanted to stay in the Common Market. The Scottish and Welsh were asked in 1979 whether they wanted devolved weak minority Government that was itself divided, but they were welcome nonetheless. I think the Cabinet should confirm today that there will be no further transfer of powers to the European institutions without express referral to

and consent from the British people. Many people feel cheated. They agreed with the Government in 1972 that we should join the old Common Market. They voted "yes" in 1975, reassured by the Yes campaign that it did not mean loss of sovereignty. They were told that the veto on important matters was intact. Since then they have seen the drift from Common Market to European Community to European Union, without their being consulted. They did not know that Britain would be powerless to protect its beef industry from EU bans, unable to stop the depredations of Spanish fishermen, and incapable of stopping the onward rolling power of

the European Court. They would like the Government to develop its notion of a Europe of nations and take back some of the powers we have lost. They want Britain to argue passionately for a different kind of Europe that allows communities, towns, cities and nations more space to breathe. They would like their views to matter.

Recent weeks have seen damaging Cabinet splits. Some briefings have said the Cabinet is ready to agree a referendum on the single currency, and counter-briefings have said that the Chancellor would resign if that were agreed. But, given the mood of the nation, it has always been clear that the Cabinet could only go one way: there had to be a referendum before any move

to a single currency. If the Government cannot rule the euro out altogether, a referendum on a single currency would give at least some reassurance. But we should promise a referendum also if any proposals come from the IGC that would shift more power from these islands. These would be two locks on the door, making it less likely that a government would recommend such action, given the uncertainties of referendum campaigns. They would provide confirmation that European integration can proceed only with consent. If it proceeds in any other way, people will

feel more and more cheated. Meanwhile at the gates is Sir James Goldsmith. A referendum on the single currency may blunt his appeal, but it will not appease him. The Government is simply not considering his idea of a referendum now, before the election, on the state Europe has now reached. It says something for the lack of confidence of the integrationists that they shy away from allowing the people to issue a progress report. The thought that the British might say "no" to Maastricht is too terrible for the Government to contemplate. It could be that the British are no longer content with the Govern-

# Victoriana

BEHIND the statuary and arrases at the Victoria and Albert Museum, the talk is of a night of long knives. Alan Borg, the direc-tor, is looking at several plans of action to deal with mounting financial problems. In extremis, galleries may have to be closed during the busy summer season. and jobs may be cut. As many as 50 of the 800 employees may yet

Finances have been a constant worry at the V&A for years. Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, director until last year, may have inspired angry skewering of cocktail sticks in the salons of South Kensington with her supposedly excessive commercialism, but even her stringency was not enough.

With government grants standing still, the museum is having to bring out the scalpel again. Borg. a keen fencer and renowned tough cookie, should be the man to do it.

A spokesman for the museum says that although everything is being done to prevent the closure of galleries, it remains a possibility. As for staffing, it is said that vacancies are unlikely to be filled for the moment, and every line of the budget is being scoured for "The question about savings.

says the spokesman. "is simply 'Can we afford it?""

• There is corridor-creeping at Bush House: the BBC is over-run with mice. A memo now circulating states that. "after a long period of minimal activity, a number of mouse sightings have been reported". A professional pest control company has been



Alan Borg will soon be busy shovelling

the man who confesses to a desire to strangle puffins and see off all kittens — Jeremy Paxman.

# Well observed

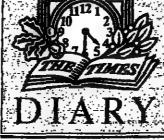
secured, but an alternative sugges-

tion is doing the rounds: set loose

WILL HUTTON's arrival as Editor of The Observer, where eight journalists have promptly been sacked, has caused a run in local bookshops on his turgid economic tome The State We're In. Remaining members of staff are desperately scouring its pages for some

message of encouragement. Page 98 is the best-thumbed. Here, "Stakeholder" Hutton argues that "the theoretical categories that might apply to analysing trade in chocolate bars, fish or computers cannot be extended to labour because we have to confront the issues of fairness, morale and human motivation".

Meanwhile, a Guardian news reporter, John Mullin, was so excited on Friday about the possibility of nabbing one of the newlyvacated Observer jobs that he tracked down Alan Rusbridger, Editor-in-Chief of both papers, to a conference in Barcelona. He immediately flew to Spain, interrupted Rusbridger mid-siesta, and asked to be made news editor of the Sunday title - but was sent packing.



 Sir Richard Scott is to be rewarded for his arduous efforts in producing the Scott Report. He is to jostle on a podium with the comedian Victoria Wood and David Jenkins, retired Bishop of Durham, at Birmingham University in July when he picks up an honorary degree,

### Indiscreet

GOOD NEWS for Italy's discotheques: Gianni "Greasylocks" de Michelis, possibly the greatest disco-dancing Foreign Minister in European history, is still on the loose. Despite being sentenced to four years' imprisonment for financial indiscretions while in office, he is currently working as a consultant while he appeals against the sentence. Keep watching for those flying elbows.

• The Government may have stumbled on a solution to the Northern Ireland problem as a consequence of the beef hysteria. In their attempts to escape the EU ban on British beef, Ulster Unionist farmers are forcefully insisting that their cows are Irish.

### Dizzy heights

A TROUPE of right-wing Tories will be trotting off to Hampstead to the New End Theatre over the coming days. David Hart, the mustachioed and mysterious right-winger who advises ministers, has written a play.

His offering, Victoriana. features Prime Ministers Gladstone and Disraeli, and hinges on whether Queen Victoria ever knew of Gladstone's ill-advised encounters with prostitutes. The notion has so excited Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, a prize-winning biographer of Gladstone, that he plans to see the piece forthwith. He feels sure that Disraeli sneaked on Gladstone to the Queen. "Disraeli loved gossiping with her, and might well have mentioned it.."

### **Burger off**

JOHN GUMMER was in ebullient form at the Academia Italiana exhibition of the "Vanished Gar-



Cordelia: chew it over

dens of Rome" on Monday night in London - despite a spat that morning with James Naughtie on Radio 4's Today programme. when he refused to discuss feeding his young daughter Cordelia hamburgers.

Munching merrily on canapés of beef, he said he had enjoyed the exhibition almost as much as the titbits. I didn't dare ask him whether Leanora, his other small daughter, who was with him at the knees-up, was enjoying the cana-

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# MISSION POSSIBLE

The peace effort in Bosnia must be given every chance

April, T.S. Eliot's cruellest month, has begun particularly bleakly in Bosnia. Ifor, the Nato-led force implementing the Dayton accord, is now a quarter of the way through its mission. The ceasefire is holding, the armies have been parted and land due to be swapped between the Bosnian Serb republic and the Muslim-Croat federation has been handed over. But that is about all.

Planting begins this month. But hardly any of the farmers displaced by the war have been able or willing to return home. There are probably more Bosnian refugees than when the fighting ended, since people have fled areas about to be exchanged amid grim scenes of arson and looting - carried out under Ifor's silent guns. Illegal checkpoints have sprouted, contravening the most fundamental of all Dayton's provisions - total freedom of movement between cantons and across the internal frontiers of this looselystructured state. The Muslim-Croat federation is worse than fragile; Mostar, its second city, is run by gangsters. Some communities are making heroic efforts to rebuild their lives and World Bank money is financing eds and tractors, credits to jump-start small businesses and emergency repairs to houses, schools, roads and utilities. But on no front is there enough progress to give anybody much confidence that peace will long outlast Ifor's departure.

Quarrelling is again breaking out across the Atlantic. American diplomats say that Ifor's commanders are doing everything expected of them and blame Carl Bildt, the Swedish politician responsible for implementing the civilian side of the Dayton accord, for delays and incompetence. They insist that it is no part of the soldiers' job to secure civil order or to assist the international war crimes tribunal and ask indignantly why the international police force has yet to be brought up to strength.

Europeans complain that America is not paying its due share of the civilian effort; and they hint that were it not for the Americans' determination to avoid casualties, lfor would be interpreting more robustly its Dayton mandate to ensure freedom of

hold a referendum on a single currency.

This was always going to be the right

decision: the question was whether he was

prepared to take it in the face of opposition

from his Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke. Now,

it appears, Mr Clarke has been squared and

Cabinet will vote today to back the

vative Government ever recommend that

Britain sign up to economic and monetary

For all his hesitation, the Prime Minister

A majority of the Cabinet has always

backed the Prime Minister's view. Integra-

tionists and sceptics alike accept the in-

evitability of a referendum. They disagree

only on whether Cabinet ministers who

oppose a single currency should be allowed

to say so during the course of the

Kenneth Clarke, who believes that

consulting the people is a dangerous notion

in itself, was so vehemently opposed to the

idea that he managed to delay for weeks the

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The inside pages get more complex.

referendum campaign.

ultimately had no choice - for reasons both

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At last John Major has taken the decision to action that the Prime Minister wanted to

movement and respond to "deliberate violence to life and person". There is buckpassing at ground level too. Yesterday, an American commander near Srebrenica listed what his troops would not do: They will not clear mines. They will not exhume remains. They will not investigate suspected atrocity sites. We will not guard sites, evidence or suspected war criminals. We will not be involved in witness protection."

The trend is for each organisation to say that the safety and security of Bosnian civilians is somebody else's job. This has to stop. It is damaging and beside the point. The Dayton accord is riddled with flaws, but its virtue is that it dovetails a strong military operation with detailed plans for political conciliation, institution-building and post-war reconstruction. They stand or fall together. The West is spending £4 billion on Ifor, expects to invest around £1 billion this year on reconstruction and has committed incalculable quantities of prestige.

The Americans, after dithering for weeks while the Muslim-Croat federation fell apart, are now back in Sarajevo knocking heads together. Talk of cancelling next week's pledging conference on reconstruction aid has stopped. This encouraging news needs to be supplemented by clear instructions to lfor commanders to deal decisively with illegal checkpoints, which were outlawed by Dayton. Often run by armed bandits for profit, they terrorise civilians and make normal economic life impossible. No custom or habit must be allowed to rebuild that could lead to the resumption of hostilities and this is a good way of making the point. Any Ifor unit that allows a checkpoint to survive for more than 24 hours should be called to account.

Time is slipping away fast. If Ifor is to leave in December, as planned, the first units will withdraw in a matter of months. Western governments have already begun to bicker about what happens after December. If would be far better to avoid what could be an extremely damaging public argument later, by doing now whatever can help this difficult mission to succeed.

take. But, like many political tiffs, the real

argument between the Prime Minister and

his Chancellor is not the one that has been

aired. Mr Clarke is angry about what he

perceives to be a shift in government policy

towards the Euro-sceptics. Had he resigned.

the referendum would merely have been a

Now that the Conservatives are set to

promise a referendum, what will Tony Blair

do? Given that a Labour government would

probably be more likely than the Tories to

recommend joining a single currency, he must surely match Mr Major's pledge if he

is not to lose the support of those voters who

notion of a general election being a sufficient

mandate. When the electorate votes this year

or next, it will be on matters economic and

social. At the top of the political agenda will

be tax and spending, education and health.

unemployment and the social chapter.

Indeed, given that neither party is likely to

express a categorical view on the single

currency, for or against, it would be

impossible for voters to decide which party

If a referendum seems inevitable to Con-

servative ministers, it must do so for the

same reasons to their Labour shadows. A

government that denied one would make the

gulf between politics and the people almost

unbridgeable. There was fury that accession

to the Maastricht treaty was hammered

through without public consultation. The

abolition of the pound is a more sensitive

matter still. There will be problems with

wording and problems with timing. But a

JAPAN: "Breaking with Shinto tradition, the

Japanese court has moved to Nara, a

pleasant rural site known best for the cele-

brated five-tiered pagoda of Horyuji." More

PENDENT STATE: "Srong-bisan Sgampo,

the duke of a Western Himalayan province,

yesterday married a Chinese princess and

But most intriguing of all, to our modern

readers, would have been our Home News

pages (we would probably have been The

Times of Mercia). Here is one in the eye for

Euro-philes. PENNY INTRODUCED AS

LEGAL TENDER: "King Offa, taking

advantage of Mercia's unprecedented trad-

ing boom with Europe, has decreed that the

penny - a new silver coin of handsome

texture - is to replace the sceatta as money

Our Arts pages would be just as lively as

they are now. NEW CHANT DEVISED

FOR CHURCH: "Christian worship is now

being sung increasingly to a new set of

chants, named Gregorian, after Pope Greg-

ory the Great." This column would deplore

the "vulgar fad". And Obituaries, sober to

the last, would mark neatly the death of

Bede. "He did not marry."

of the realm."

established the new kingdom of Tibet."

poignantly, TIBET EMERGES AS INDE-

referendum there will have to be.

**BACK TO THE FUTURE** 

The 7th century meets the 20th in Nagorno-Karabakh

Adjust your clocks, tickle up your time NARA BECOMES FIRST CAPITAL OF

It really will not do to hide behind the

want a say on the matter.

to back on that issue alone.

HARD POUNDING Yours faithfully. MICHAEL RÓSE, Clarke, Major, Maastricht and a referendum

This was an isolated and thoroughly horrendous case, but nobody would blame the Army for what these men did," Brigadier Denaro is quoted as saying (report, March 30). That remark, to my mind, shows a lack of sensitivity and of good judgment.

Yours faithfully. DUDLEY PAGET-BROWN, 58 Pelhams Walk, Esher, Surrey.

### In remembrance

From Mr Jens Frederik Hansen

night of May 4 by illuminating the windows with candles. This marks the time, in 1945, when the lights went on again after five years of German

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, JENS FREDERIK HANSEN.

Fanoegade 3, DK-2100 Copenhagen OE. April 1.

### The Queen in Poland

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, Alan Hamilton's report (March 28) of the warmth of the Queen's reception in Krakow was gratifying

stood in a street in Krakow and watched as a group of university students, in the friendliest possible manner, seized the British Ambassador, Bill Cavendish-Bentinck, and carried him shoulder-high through cheering crowds as a gesture of defiance to the Soviet-con-

trolled Government. What happened to those students as a consequence of their actions I was never able to learn.

Yours faithfully, PATRICK HOWARTH (Press Attaché, British Embassy, Warsaw, 1945-47), Flat 2, Pencarrow,

March 28.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# Cyprus killing

From General Sir Michael Rose. Adjutant General

Sir. As the Army Board member responsible for personnel and discipline in the Army, I feel that I must write to correct the inference made in your leading article, "Memo to Portillo" (March 30), which suggested that the Army seeks to avoid taking responsibility or blame for the behaviour of its soldiers. This is simply not true. The Army has never regarded ill-discipline or drunken behaviour, whether on or off duty, with other than the utmost seriousness.

We are all deeply ashamed that three British Army soldiers should have perpetrated such a savage and despicable crime as the killing of Louise Jensen in Cyprus (reports, March 29, 30) and recognise that we have lost the vital public perception that we are worthy of the standards that we profess.

It has been the case that for some time past the military authorities in Cyprus have been tackling the problem of bad behaviour amongst offduty soldiers on the island with great firmness. Disciplinary measures have included placing the tourist areas of Larnaca and Limassol under curiew and increasing the number of Mili-tary Police patrols in trouble spots.

The holiday resort of Ayia Napa, where the three soldiers had been drinking heavily before the crime, has also been placed out of bounds to all ranks. A serviceman was recently court-martialled, reduced in rank and imprisoned for breach of this regula-

As your leading article pointed out, the Army can only maintain its high reputation if it faces all problems squarely. I would add that if it is to do its job successfully, it must retain the respect not only of the nation, but also of those people around the world with whom it comes into contact.

We fully accept our responsibility for enforcing the highest possible standards of behaviour and discipline in the Army today, and where there is failure we, of course, recognise that such failure will bring great discredit both to the nation and the Army.

Headquarters Adjutant General, Upavon, Wiltshire, SN9 6BE.

From Mr Dudley Paget-Brown

Sir, I was witness to the incredible complacency shown on TV by Brigadier Arthur Denaro, chief of staff and deputy commander of British forces on Cyprus. following the conviction of three soldiers for killing Louise Jensen. If anything, your priate leading article was not nearly critical enough of an episode that has done untold harm to the well deserved reputation of our Army for good behaviour and discipline, often under extreme provocation.

Sir, Perhaps some inspiration from another country might add to the current debate concerning a Remem-brance Day (letters, March 20, 26, April I), particularly when that country is remembering its gratitude for the actions of the British.

Here in Denmark we celebrate the

The lit candles in a dark house catch the imagination of even quite small children and thereby ensure that the tradition is passed on. At the same time the candle remains a powerful symbol of the ideals for which those who died had fought.

Fifty years ago, almost to the day, I

From Mr Roy Atherton Sir, Bridget Methuen reports (Education, March 27) that II-year-olds are required to know that sound travels more slowly than light. It travels around 900,000 times slower. Does this take the prize for understatement?

Yours sincerely. ROY ATHERTON, Chapel Cottage, Stape, Pickering, North Yorkshire.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset.

# Army shame over People's choice on monetary union

From Mr C. Mark Dixon

Sir, Sir Julian Critchley's comments (letter, April 2) and indeed the Chancellor's intransigence on a referendum on monetary union represent the height of arrogance and contempt for the people of this country. To say that it is for Parliament alone to decide an issue of such importance assumes that the people have been properly consulted in a general election.

Elections are fought on a number of issues and if we were to go to the polls tomorrow there would be little choice between the two major parties on monetary union. Both are trying to put off internally divisive issues, leaving us with no clear choice on Europe. The people would, however, exercise their vote on the balance of other issues. To state that the new government would then have a mandate from the electorate to decide further European integration is absurd.

To deny the people of Britain a clear-cut choice on an issue that will forever change the character and nature of the country is, in my view, undemocratic and indefensible. It is for this reason that my vote, which is the vote of a natural Tory supporter, will go to The Referendum Party when an election is held.

Yours faithfully, C. MARK DIXON, Boutells Farm, Henny Road, Lamarsh, Nr Bures, Suffolk.

From Mr Raiph Blumenau Sir, Professor Landsberg (letter, April

2) believes that EMU is too technical an economic issue for a referendum: "a well-informed decision by members of Parliament is our main hope to get it right".

But most supporters and opponents of EMU are agreed that it is not primarily a technical economic but a momentous political decision. This the public is as capable of understanding as are the politicians, and it has a right to be consulted on a matter of such tremendous importance.

Since members of Parliament are likely to be fairly evenly divided on the technical as well as on the political aspects of the issue, the "expertise" of a small majority does not count for much either way.

Moreover, politicians did not "get it right" when they went into the ERM. That does not give one the confidence that they will "get it right" over the EMU.

In any case very many members of Parliament on both sides of the House will not exercise such understanding as they have of either the politics or the economics of the issue because they are likely to be whipped by their parties. The whipping system has long since undermined the theory that our MPs exercise their judgment as our representatives. In this instance their vote on the long-term interest of

this country will be heavily influenced

by short-term party political consider-

The public is far less likely than the politicians to decide this matter on such narrow grounds.

Yours faithfully RALPH BLUMENAU, III Princes House, 50 Kensington Park Road, W11.

From Mr William Hall

Sir, I am appalled by the attitude adopted by Sir Julian Critchley relating to a referendum on the single European currency.

The British public have been deliberately and cynically denied any say on this subject by politicians who fear that their views may not be supported.

This arrogance is precisely what has led the Conservative Party to its present state.

Yours faithfully. W. HALL, 68 Bridle Lane Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. April 2.

From Miss Marlon H. Coffman

Sir, I have today written to Sir Julian Critchley (with a copy to the Prime Minister) asking how he and others can put their beliefs above and beyond the control of those like me who do not want closer ties with and more subjugation by Europe.

The MPs categorised as Euro-sceptic by those who are terrified of them are not xenophobic: they represent my views, my family's and the views of everyone with whom I have discussed this issue.

This is the most vital matter to affect the nation in its entire history. Bleat as they may about parliamentary sovereignty and the responsibility of its members, they should be aware of the danger of their exclusion from its activities if they lorget that Parliament belongs to us.

They are not entitled to misuse their position to take us down a road which we may not wish to travel. And the only way to find out what we wish is to

Yours faithfully. M. COFFMAN. 43 Bagworth Road. Nailstone, Nuneaton, Warwickshire. April 2

### Standards at the bench

From Mr Nicolas G. Barber, JP

Sir. As a lay magistrate for over 20 years, I am surprised that Mr Francis Palmer (letter, March 27) should take exception to a letter from the Lord Chancellor severely criticising a magistrate on his bench who had been convicted of speeding. What did the JP expect — a gentle slap on the wrist?

I have always understood that if there is a problem with any member of a bench, and in particular with a new appointee, the chairman should be able to resolve the problem. If not, the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee, and ultimately the Lord Chancellor himself, would act on a recommendation or investigate the matter.

The procedure for selecting members of advisory committees has been under constant review in recent years. Their names have been made public. appointments are made from neighbouring committees, and lay members from all walks of life are appointed. Committees are often chaired by someone from outside their own area of responsibility. I believe that any demand for a further review is superflu-

Incidentally, if a magistrate had been growing cannabis criminally for

Sir, If the EU can block exports of British beef, why cannot the British

Government ban bull-bars on vehi-

cles (report, March 30)? The first was

on tenuous evidence of risk to public

health; the second would be on firm

evidence of danger to public safety

0171-782 5046.

and children in particular.

Earley, Reading, Berkshire.

**Bull-bars** 

Yours faithfully,

SIMON BIRD,

March 30.

April I.

Brookside Close,

School tests

From Mr Simon Bird

ten years prior to his appointment (as was the case with the Panorama interviewee to whom Mr Palmer referred in his letter) he must have lied in his answer to the key question, which is about his personal affairs, when it was put to him at his interview by the advisory committee. Otherwise he would not have been appointed.

Yours faithfully, NICOLAS BARBER, Wethered Manor. Sedgeford, Hunstanton, Norfolk.

From Mr M. R. Sharman

Sir, I understand that once a new magistrate has been appointed he or she will serve until the age of 70 in the absence of serious misconduct. There is no probationary period.

So what happens if an applicant passes the interviews with flying colours and then proves a disaster in practice? Should not the performance of all new magistrates be monitored by members of the advisory committee for the first year or two, and the appointment then be reviewed?

Yours faithfully. M. R. SHARMAN. 7 Taylor Avenue, Kew, Surrey. March 28.

### Private passions

From Mr Sedn Fear

Sir, Contrary to the views of Mr David Pannick, QC ("Protecting the right to private passion", Law, March 26), I consider that the case for outlawing discrimination on the ground of sexual orientation is very far from In a free society, employers are en-

titled to use a whole range of criteria in determining whether an employee, or prospective employee, is suitable for a particular job. Some of these criteria, such as formal qualifications or ability to perform the job in question, will be objective; others, such as the character or behaviour of the candidate in question, will necessarily be subjective: traits that appeal to one employer will not necessarily appeal to another.

If, therefore, a particular employer should have a strong moral objection to homosexuality or bisexuality, it would be entirely wrong for the State to prevent that employer from taking his own moral views into account when deciding whom to appoint to a job. Far from protecting human rights, therefore, Baroness Turner's Sexual Orientation Discrimination Bill would diminish them.

Yours faithfully. SEAN FEAR, 9 Aidenham Road, Radlett, Hertfordshire. March 26.

### Concern for NHS complaints system

From Mr Toby Harris and Mr Arnold Simanowitz

Sir. We believe that despite more than three years of consultation and review the newly overhauled NHS complaints system, which comes into effect today, lacks true independence from the NHS and places unnecessary restrictions on complainants.

The changes intended to speed up the system and ensure that most problems are dealt with where and when they arise are welcome. However, patients whose complaints are too serious or complex to be sorted out at this level will have no right to an independent investigation.

Requests for a panel investigation are screened by a member of the health authority or trust involved in the complaint, and those who are refused may doubt the impartiality of the system. Even where a panel investigation is granted, there is no guarantee that there will be a hearing at which the complainant will present

his or her case. The role of the Health Service Ombudsman has been extended to cover for the first time clinical matters and to provide a right of appeal for complainants who feel they have been denied a fair hearing. These changes. although positive, are likely to lead to overload from dissatisfied complainants who have been refused an inde-

pendent review. In addition, users' rights to complain are restricted by an unnecessary and unwelcome time limit of six months. There is a wealth of evidence, set out in the Government's own inquiry into the complaints system under Professor Alan Wilson in 1993-94, that restrictive time limits merely serve to frustrate genuine complainants and add another layer of bureaucracy to the system.

The fundamental flaws of these procedures raise doubts about their effectiveness and undermine Government claims that the system will deliver benefits to complainants and the NHS as a whole. It remains to be seen whether these fears are justified. However, it is already clear that the Government has missed an important opportunity to set up a system that truly reflects the concerns of consumers.

Yours faithfully, TOBY HARRIS (Director, Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales). ARNOLD SIMANOWITZ Chief Executive, Action for Victims of Medical Accidents). Earismead House. 30 Drayton Park, N5. April I.

### Nightingale's drugs

From Mr Seweryn Chomet

Sir, A propos the medicinal habits of Florence Nightingale (letter, March 30), there is convincing evidence in biographical literature that she took laudanum (tincture of opium. containine about 1 per cent of morphine) and that she was not unusual in this.

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For example, Dickens and Gladstone took a few drops of laudanum before speaking in public, and Princess Helena was a persistent user of this drug, much to the consternation of her fearsome mother, Queen Vic-

Yours faithfully. SEWERYN CHOMET. King's College London, The Strand, WC2R 2LS. April I.

### Desperately seeking From Mrs Elisabeth Evans

Sir, If the single life is so enjoyable

("Why we want to be alone", Weekend, March 23), why do so many people seek mates through the Rendezvous pages of the same section of your

Yours faithfully. ELISABETH EVANS. 2 Lord Roberts Mews, Waterford Road, SW6.

### Whose fool? From Mrs Chris Handley

Sir, Few will mourn the demise of the customary April Fool spoof (leading article, April I) when each day you ex-pect us to believe the incredible. In the first two pages alone of today's issue you tell us, apparently with a straight face, that: Railtrack employees must travel by road; Coopers & Lybrand are investigating Oxford University: there is a Cherie Booth key ring: Jesus was a Mason; and Douglas Hogg might resign.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS HANDLEY. 41 Leyborne Park, Kew, Richmond, Surrey. April I.

From Mr M. J. Dobney

Sir, Despite your third (mis-)leader, I spotted the spoof reports in today's newspaper. Those who govern Oxford University are not indecisive, Jesus was not a Freemason and Mrs Thatcher was warm and affectionate.

However, I have ordered a Cherie Booth fridge magnet. Yours faithfully.

MICHAEL DOBNEY. Hazeldene, Sweffling, Suffolk.

principled and tactical. The principle is that such a fundamental constitutional change

requires the prior consent of the people. The tactics are to hold together a party which is deeply divided on the issue; and to stem the flow of any voters to Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. But the promise of a referendum is in no sense a sop to the Eurosceptics. Politicians who are in favour of a

o spend single currency, such as Paddy Ashdown, also back a referendum. Most people realise that when the time comes, and other countries consult their electorates, it will 4 seem inconceivable that Britain could escape doing so.

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statelet from the distant past has sprung to vibrant life again. Nagorno-Karabakh (for such is its name) is a tiny place that snuggles in the wild and heaving bosom of the Caucasus. This Armenian enclave, a romantic cartographical echo from the 7th century, has declared independence from resulto la "Pope Martin, charged with high treason by Emperor Constans II, has died of hunger and hypothermia in Crimea, where he was

deported after angering the Emperor by his speech at the Lateran Council."

Azarbaijan - itself one of the atlas-pulpers of the post-Soviet era. No serious country as yet recognises its separate existence, but that does not stop us testing our minds at an idea. last an Armenian state in the southern Caucasus? Pretty damn small, actually, and pretty oddly shaped. The Times, had it then. been around, would have had some stories to startle jaded modern eyes. harnmed, a preacher who advocates the end of Arab polytheism and the worship of one God, has fled from the town of Mecca and headed north." POPE DIES OF HUNGER:



### **COURT CIRCULAR**

The Prince of Wales, President

Business in the Community, vis-

ited the Ford and Pennywell Ad-

vice Centre Community College

His Royal Highness this after-noon visited the University of

Sunderland's St Peter's Campus.

The Prince of Wales, Vice Presi-

dent, the National Trust, after-

wards visited Gibside near Rowlands Gill Burnopfield,

April 2: The Duke of Kent today

took the Salute on behalf of Her

Majesty The Queen at Lord High Admiral's Division, Britannia

Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Devon, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 2: Princess Alexandra, Presi-

Holidays Fund, this evening at-tended a performance of the St

John Passion given by the Or-chestra of St John's Smith Square.

A dinner is being held in London at

the Naval and Military Club, 94
Piccadilly, on Thursday, May 9, in
honour of Jim Willans, Housemaster from 1951-1964. All SF OR's

who were there when he was

Housemaster, and whose address

is known, have been invited to

mend. Would anyone who has not

heen contacted and who would like

to receive details please write to: Alan Elliot, 142 Pavilion Road, London SWI.

The following have been appointed

Employer members: David Chad-wick Ivan Ezekiel, David Hodgkins,

Robert Thomson (Scottish member)

Appointments

nt of the Children's Country

School

the Pennywell

Porchester Road.

St Peter's Way.

YORK HOUSE

Newcastle upon Tyne.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Devon (The Lord Digby).

School Field,

Rugby

WINDSOR CASTLE April 2: The Queen this morning visited HRH Princess Christian's Hospital, Windsor, and was received by Mr Raymond Seymour (Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire) and the Chairman, Nuffield Hospitals (the

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Lord Lane of Horsell). Her Majesty toured the Hos-pital, escorted by Miss Pauline Johnson (Manager), and met patients and staff.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 2: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Dame Frances Camphell-Preston as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 2: The Prince of Wales this

morning performed the official opening of Maemillan House, the South Durham Hospice of the Butterwick Trust, Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Mr

David Grant). His Royal Highness later visited Sunderland and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenam of Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).

### Premium Bonds

The following Premium Bond

E100.000: 2GW 466283, winner has a holding of £20 and comes from Cheshire: 4485 337007. £20,000, £50,000; 26VZ 39(42t), £(00), overseas; 15CS 996845, El0,000, Kensington and Chelsea, London: 37NS 932914.

E15.203, Suffolk 125.000; 33SB 290374, E100, West Yorkshire: 12JK 824734, E10.000, South Yorkshire: 2SGS 86844, E4.150, Essex; 36ZT 992587, 520.000,

### Luncheon

apa and the Sedgwick Group pic Mr John Bowis, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health, was the guest of honour at

### Diana Palmer. Peter Parker. John Rivers, John Shrigley. Employee members: Peter Jacques, Sir Gavin Laird, Barbara Switzer.

a luncheon held yesterday at the Conference Forum. El, hosted by national drugs charity apa and sponsored by the Sedgwick Group

### School news

St Leonards and St Katharines

The spring term ended on March Erica Bennett was named Acting Head of School and Emma Thomson Captain, from the beginning of next term. Lorna Bradburne and Lauren McQuade will be the Dowagers. A new annointment. Vice-Captain of School, will be Caroline Gregory.

Council has appointed Martha Hamilton (former Headmistress) and Mary Levison (a Senior and the first female to become Queen's Chaplain), as Vice Presidents of School, Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw continues as President. Mrs Headmistress of St Katharines and will be in post from April ]. Mrs Mary James, Headmistress of St Leonards, has been appointed to the Governing Body of the Scottish Chuncil for Independent Schools.

Scholarships have been awarded as follows: Judith Fitzgerald (St Katharines). Entrance Scholarship to St Leonards:

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Katharine Calder (St Leonards) and Kate Knox (Cargulfield). Entrance Scholarships to the lower fifth; Cara Gorman (Ardsreck). Science Exhibition: Johan Mackenzie (St. Leonards), Golf Scholarship. Entrance Scholarships to the sixth form: Helen Ord, Scholarship: Mary Cruikshank and Isabel Ward, Exhibitions. Anna McElligon, major Music Scholarship: Kate Knox (Cargilfield). Music Scholarship

As part of the General Studies programme of public lectures this term we welcomed Matthew Parris Journalist and former MP-Tam Dalvell, Member of Parliament for Linlithgow; Professor Andre Tammes, University of London, Stewart Conn and Tom Weir spoke and adjudicated St Katharines Poetry Competition and St Leonards Book Fair

An Open Day for parents of prospective pupils will be held on Wednesday, June 5. The summer term begins on April 17.

# A very grand painting of a very modest Coronation



A visitor gazes reflectively at part of the longest painting in the Royal Collection, now fully restored

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE longest painting in the Royal Collection went back on public view yesterday after three years of cleaning and restoration, pristine and properly displayed for the first time this century. At 129ft long and 28in deep, the R.B. Davis Frieze. depicting the entire Coronation procession of King William IV and Queen Adelaide in 1831, occupies

almost all the available wall space at its new home in the Carriage House of the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. Now returned to its original condition, of six panels each about 29ft long, it suffered last century from being cut up into smaller pieces to fit a corridor inside the Palace. Restorers who tackled the

Oxford

from October 1.

Bradford

Honorary degrees

Appointments

St Antony's College

Magdalen College Mr Steward Wood, BA, has been

elected to an Official Fellowship

and Tutor in Politics for five years

Elected to Honorary Fellowships:

Mrs Monna Besse, Lord Bullock.

Professor W. Roger Louis and Professor Sarvepalli Gopal.

DLitt: Jack Cardiff, Douglas

Mr Jon Fletcher, post-doctoral

research assistant at Liverpool

university, has been appointed lecturer in medical microbiology in

the department of biomedical sci-

Mr Desmond John Tobin, re-

department of dermatology, New

York University Medical School,

has been appointed lecturer in

Mr Michael Edward Tayles, lec-

turer in management accounting

and finance at Loughborough

University Business School, has

been appointed lectures in

accounting at the university's

Mr Kenneth William Gadd, re-

search assistant and project officer

at the university's management

centre, has been appointed

Prudential lecturer in business

biomedical sciences.

management centre.

Slocambe, cinematographers.

**Dinners** 

HM Metropolitan Stipendlary

The Director of Public Prosecu-

tions, Mrs Barbara Mills, QC, and

Lord Williams of Mostyn, QC. were the guests of HM Metropoli-

tan Stipendiary Magistrates at their Annual Dinner held at the

Middle Temple on Thursday, March 28. The Chief Metropolitan

Stipendlary Magistrate, Mr Peter Badge, presided.

Vational Art Collections Fund

Mr David Barrie, Director of the

National Art Collections Fund and

Mr Rupert Hambro, Treasurer,

were the hosts at a dinner for the

National Art Collections Fund Prize held at the Savoy Hotel, on

Wednesday, March 27. The Guest

of Honour was the Chairman of

English Heritage, Sir Jocelyn Sievens. The £15,000 Prize — spon-

sored for the fourth year by The

Jerwood Foundation - was given to Sculpture at Goodwood for an

outstanding contribution to the

presentation of the visual arts. Two

second Prizes of £5,000 were given

to the Ormeau Baths Gallery.

Belfast, and the British Museum

for the exhibition The Passionate

Mr Gordon Lee-Steere, of Jayes Park, Ockley, has been appointed

painting found parts of it in near-ruinous condition after years of neglect. Now it glows again in its original colours, every one of the many hundreds of individual faces clearly visible. Even some of the painter's mistakes can be seen, where he out horses or men in the wrong order and had to block them out,

Viola Pemberton-Pigott, senior paintings conservator of the Royal Collection, said yesterday: "We hope the painting looks as good now as it has done for a

very long time." William IV was infinitely less extravagant than his brother George IV: his Coronation cost only £42,000 compared with £240,000 for that of his predecessor. Indeed he would have had no Coronation at all had not the Duke of Wellington

University news

Mr Armin Schmidt, research fel-

low in the university's department

of archaeological sciences, has been appointed lecturer in

archaeological geophysics in the

Mr Tommy Ashdown, managing

director of the Leeds Group of

Joseph Dawsons Holdings, and Mr Alan Jerome, chairman of chief

(Holdings), have been appointed

pro-chancellors for three years

from January 1. Mr Ashdown has

also been appointed chairperson-elect of council from August I. 1997.

Hilary Rose, professor of social policy at the university from October I, 1975 to September 30,

1993, has been appointed professor

Dr David Jobber, reader in

marketing at the university's

management centre, has been

appointed professor of marketing.

Hafiz Mirza, senior lecturer in international business at the

management centre, has been

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persuaded him of the need for a decent ceremony. William paid Richard Barrett Davis, primarily a painter of horses, £350 from the Privy Purse to depict the procession in precise detail.

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The tradition of recording Coronation processions is of Tudor origin, but was usually confined to drawings or engravings bound into books. The custom was continued by the present Queen at her 1953 Coronation, and Felix Topolski's painting of her procession hangs in a private corridor of the Palace. None, however, is as grand, large or colourful as that of the most modest of monarchs who reigned for a mere seven years until succeeded at his death by his niece, the infinitely longer reigning

### Anniversaries

BIRTHS: King Henry IV. reigned 1399-1413. Bolingbroke. Lincoln-Shire, 1367: George Herbert, poet, Montgomery Castle, Wales, 1903: Washington Irving, essayist, New York, 1783: James Hertzog, gen-eral, Printe Minister of South Africa 1924-39, founder of the Nationalist Party, Wellington, Cape Colony, 1566; Leslie Howard, actor, London, 1893: Henry Lucz, publisher of Time. Fortune. Life. Tengchow, China, 1898.

DEATHS: Bartolome Murillo. painter, Seville, 1652: John Berkenhout, physician and naturalist, Besselsleigh, Oxfordshire. 1791: Reginald Heber, bishop and hymn writer, Trichinopoly, India. 1826; Christopher North Uohn Wilson), writer and philosopher. Edinburgh, 1854; Sir James Clark Ross. Arctic emplorer, Aylesbury 1862: Jesse James, outlaw. shot dead, St Joseph, Missouri, 1882; enna, 1897: Richard D'Oyly Carte. promotor of Gilbert and Sullivan operas, London, (901; Kurt Weill, composer, New York, 1950: Ferde Grolé, composer, 1972; Sir Peter Pears, tenor, Aldeburgh, 1986; Mr Graham Greene, OM, CH, nov-

appointed chair of international Professor Andrew Taylor, chair of elist, Vevey, Switzerland, 1991. information management at Queen's University, Belfast, has The first Pony Express started the regular 2.000-mile run from St been appointed chair of business Joseph. Missouri, to Sacramento. California, 1860. Stalin was appointed General elopment economics at the development and project planning centre, has been appointed profes-

Secretary of the Communist Party, The Brixton riots began, 1981.

### Birthdays today

Mr Alec Baldwin, actor, 38; Profes-Mr Alex Baldwin, actor, 38: Professor Jamet Bately. Professor of English Language and Medieval Literature. King's College. London, 64: Mr Tony Benn, MP. 75: Sir Jeffery Bowman, former chairman, Price Waterhouse Europe, 61; Mr Marlon Brando, 27: Mr P. S. Burman, former. actor, 72 Mr R.S. Burman, former chairman, Association of British Chambers of Commerce, 56; Canon A.D. Cassar, former Sub-Dean of HM Chapels Royal, 72; Dr Dennis Parr, former director Courtauld Institute Galleries, 67; Mr William Gaunt, actor, 59; the Duke of Grafton, KG, 77; the Rev David Jones, former Head Bryanston School, 62; Herr Helmut Kohl, Chancellor of

Germany, 66. Mr Jonathan Lynn, writer and actor, 53; Mr Eddie Murphy, actor, 35: Lord Justice Nourse, 64: Sir John Smith, CH, former MP, 73: Mr F.H. Tate, former vice-chairman, Tate and Lyle, 83; Sir Malcolm Thornton, MP, 57; Malcolm Thornton, MP. 57. Professor Kathleen Tillotson Emeritus Professor of English. Bedford College, London University, 90; Dr H.C. Tomlinson. Headmaster, Hereford Cathedral School, 48; Mr John Virgo, snooker player, 50; Professor Sir Michael Woodruff, surgeon, 85.

### Church news

Appointments The Rev Roger Hindley, Vicar, St James, Hill: to be also Dean of Sutton Coldfield (Birmingham). The Rev Harry Jackson, Rector, Ash (Guildford): to be Priest-in-Charge (NSM), Mawman (Truro). The Rev Keith Justice, lately Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Penwortham (Blackburn): Assistant Priest, Dovercourt and Harwich

The Rev George Lane, Assistant Curate, St. James, Blackburn; to be ssistant Curate (to be known as Associate Vicari, Beverley Minster

The Rev John Paxton, Team Vicar, Southampton City Centre Parish (Winchester): to be Rector, Christ

Church, Southwark. The Rev Peter Plmintel, Team Vicar, Grays Thurrock Team Min-Istry (Cheimsford): to be Priest-in-Charge, St Paul, Barton, Isle of

Wight (Portsmouth). The Rev Ian Pusey, Rector, St. Mary's, Bletchiey: also Rural Dean of Mülton Keynes (Oxford). The Rev Paul Reily Assistant Curate, Westcliff, St Michael and All Angels: to be Priest-in-Charge. Barkingside, St Cedd (Chelms-

The Rev Jonathan Richards, Rector, Shirwell Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-Charge, Torridge Team Ministry (Exeter).

The Rev Lesley Riley, Parish Deacon, Christ Church w St Matthew, Blackburn: to be also Assistant Director of Ordinands, diocese Blackburn.

The Rev Brian Robinson, Priest-in-Charge, St Mary, Widnes, Area Dean of Widnes and Associate Coordinator of ACORA (Liverpool): to be also an Honorary Canon of Liverpool Cathedral.

### Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. de Lancey Walters and Miss V.H.E. Aldridge The engagement is announced between Mark, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Simon de Lancey Walters, of Dogmersfield, Hamp-shire, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Aldridge, of Little Walden, Essex.

Mr M.C. Gachoud and Miss M.E. Hickman

The engagement is announced between Marc, son of Mr Yves Gachoud, of Knightsbridge, London, and Mrs Joyce James. of Ripley. Surrey, and Miranda. daughter of Mr Richard Hickman and the late Mrs M.R. Hickman, of St Brelade, Jersey. Mr M.J.G. Grant

and Miss J.E. Gorton The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Grant, of Forfar, Angus, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Rodney Gorton, of Disley, Cheshire,

Mr J. Jenkins and Miss C. Molloy The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Jenkins, of Sawbridge worth, Hertfordshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs. S. Molloy, of Ackhill, Eire.

Mr I.J. Kissane and Miss A.L. Yeadelf The engagement is announced between Ivan James, only son of Mr and Mrs Maurice Kissane, of Solihull, and Anna Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Yeadell. of West Wickham-

Mr S.P. Mitchell and Miss C.S. Mawer The engagement is announced between Simon Peter, youngest son of Major Tom Mitchell, Indian son of Major for Mitchell, mutal Army, read, and Mrs Mitchell, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire, and Carolyne Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Mawer, of Debden, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr M.R. Platt and Miss L.L.E. Tyler The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Ronald Platt, of Oxshort. Surrey, and Louisa, second daughter of Major General and Mrs Christopher Tyler, of Stratfield Saye, Hampshire. Mr A.N. Raphael and Mrs J.J. Denton

The engagement is announced between Mr Arnold (Rafi) Raphael, of Stathe, Somerset, and Mrs Jane Denton, of Spaxton, Mr J.M. Reilly

and Miss E.K. Hockley The engagement is announced between Jonathon, son of Mr and Mrs Phillip Reilly, of Reigate, Surrey, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hockley, also of Reigate.

Marriage

Mr T.R.G. Ryder
and Miss G.E. Jackson
The marriage took place on Friday, March 29, 1996, at Kirkpatrick Justa Church, Beatrock,
Moffat, Dumfries & Galloway,
between Mr Thomas Richard
George Budge only to the and George Ryder, only son of Mr and Mrs John R. Ryder, and Miss Gall Eller Jackson, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs Douglas I. Jackson.

### Latest wills

The Hon Mrs Edith Honor Betty Earl, of London SW7, the portrait painter, left estate valued at £553.621 net Latest estates include (net, before

tax): Mr. John Stewart Robertson, of Maidstone, Kent ..... £604,455 Mrs Laurine Muriel Rogers, of Barton on Sea. Hampsi E1.063.711

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of Great Stambridge, Esser, their reactivity at Southern Hospital on Thursey Merch 23th. The funeral will be private but a memorial service will take piace on Saturday April 13th at St. Mary's and All Saints Caurch, Stambridge at 1 pm. All friends are invited. Donations in Kenneth's memory may be sent to the

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DAVIER - Byte percentify on March 19th upod Se reach. Edges daughter of the late Dr. Hoph Barter of Derby. Devoted mother of Pater, grandmother of David and William. Figural Service Thursday 4th April 12 moon at South London Crambriam. No down.

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NOTICES

Thursday 4th April 9.00am - 12.00 noon Friday 5th April 9.30am - 2.30pm Saturday 6th April 9.30am - 12.00pm Monday 8th April 9.30am - 2.30pm Tel: 0171 680 6880, Fax: 0171 481 9313

de YORKE - Nina Nemmine, died wine kom illness en 20th March 1996, aged 66. Loved and missed by her many, many friends. Private funeral. A Service of Thanksgiving for Mina's life will be bedie on 20th April 12 noon. at 21 Count's Cannot. Aubrey Walk. London Wê (off Campden Hill. In liens of flowers please send donations to MacMillan Nunes, c/o Kenyen Funeral Directors, 49 Marines Road.

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Tom Wakefield, novelist and leacher, died from bepatitis on March 23 aged 60. He was born on December 13, 1935,

A STRIKINGLY late-flowering novelist who spent the first half of his career educating the mentally, physically or socially disadvantaged. Tom Wakehield continued to think of himself as much as an educator as an artist. His strange, generous novels, their comedy rooted in wilfully unpromising material, can certainly be seen as lively evidence of his abiding impulse to challenge and correct.

Tom Donald Wakefield was born in Cannock, Staffordshire, into what was then still a rural mining community. His father Dick was a miner, as were his numerous uncles. His mother Esther was a factory worker. Unmotherly, she was distant from her second son, finding him wilful, opinionated and odd. Temporarily laid off when his arm was mangled by a coal conveyor, Wakefield senior formed a close bond with the child, however, even as his wife was forced to work less sociable hours. Wakefield had little in common with his brother Ted, and later accused him of bullying.
In 1940 Wakefield entered Cecil

Street Infant School in Chadsmore, where he came under the benign influence of a Miss Craddock Enthused by her, he became obsessed with books. His atheist parents were aghast to discover that he was working his way through the local Sunday Schools, blithely careless of interde-nominational conflict or the demands of faith, purely to earn books as attendance prizes. Against his mother's wish - that he earn a wage as soon as possible - he was plucked from the Cannock Secondary Modern to take up

a bursary at Rugely Grammar.

There he met his first soulmate. another bursary boy called Colin Dando whose permissive publican mother Wakefield adopted as his own. Starstruck by afternoons spent worshipping screen sirens, the two not only discovered they could persuade gullible older boys to part with sweets and cash to use them for kissing practice" but became hell-bent on stardom themselves.

While Dando did indeed become an actor, only to drown tragically young while touring Australia, Wakefield was persuaded to abandon stardust for chalk and move to London to what was then Trent Park teacher training college. After working in one of the bizarrely open-air "delicate schools" for the tubercular, he moved to Peterborough School in the then deeply unfashionable Parson's Green where

TOM WAKEFIELD



the amorous head teacher wooed him by leaving chocolate bars in his desk. In pursuit of more challenging work, he gained a Special Education diploma at Maria Grey College, Twickenham, and rose, through a stint at Colebrook School in Islington, to become head teacher of the newly opened Downsview School in Hackney.

From there he moved briefly to work at Ickburgh but retired early from the post, partly because of chronic back pain caused by the strain of lifting children but chiefly to devote his time entirely to writing. In 1974 he had published He's Much Better He Can Smile Now, an account of his experience at Downsview, followed by Some Mothers I Know in 1978; but it was fiction that had begun to consume his

A trilogy of picaresque novels about Midlands lass braving a stage career in London began in 1977 with Tricis Trash, Star Ascending and established his characteristically unadorned style.

He abhorred adjectives and, like Ivy Compton-Burnett, whom he acknowledged as his chief influence, favoured

bald passages of dialogue over third

person narrative. Forties Child (1980) was a clear-eyed boyhood memoir. It was also his greatest commercial success, earning him a two-year period as an Arts Council writer-in-residence at Lancaster University. Although tantalisingly described as a first volume, no amount of persuasion could coax him to produce accounts of his next two decades.

However, the discreetly coded gay novel Mates (1983) and the story collection Drifters (1984) described the bohemian milieux in which he had moved since leaving Cannock. It also draws heavily on a loving, if sometimes stormy, domestic relationship he established in 1961 with a Church Army captain turned social worker who prefers to be known as "K". Wakefield came to feel bitter re-

morse concerning his harsh descriptions of his mother, perceiving the exhaustion and frequent, concealed illnesses this woman had suffered before her death in middle age. The remainder of his novels, which he wrote with newly mature assurance, can be seen as a succession of peace offerings to her problematic memory. In different ways they celebrated the social contributions and rich emotional lives of the sort of older women whom fiction tends to dispossess. The Discus Throwers (1985) and The Variety Artistes (1987) were statements of a beguiling utopian vision. In each a single woman tastes romance and adventure at an age when society would have her discreetly retire.

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Lot's Wife (1989) showed passion blooming amid the indignities of an old people's home. The Other Way (1991) had a single, and immensely fat, competition addict defying the patronising attitudes of the thin and married: while in War Paint (1993) the women of a wartime mining community have their lives transformed by an outlandishly glamorous schoolmistress only to discover, after her death, that she was a he.

Staunchly left-wing, though never a natural joiner, he strove at every turn to debunk or question the values of dominant culture. He believed the fundamental flaw of the education system to be its accentuation of chronology, holding that we should be allowed to drop out of and return to the classroom at any age

He anathemised bigotry, cherishing anything that lay beyond the norm. He believed domesticity and fidelity were unnatural and overrated, held that we should all enjoy at least one "grand passion" yet the abiding love of his cheerfully promiscuous life was a companionate, spiritual one,

From 1969 until his sudden death from hepatitis C. following the diagnosis of acute angina, he lived in the same terrace house in the shadow of the Arsenal football stadium, much of the time with K and Beryl, the latter a notoriously recalcitrant tabby cat. There he recreated the village atmosphere of his childhood and became a cherished community figure, whether passing on valuable tips at the betting shop or standing in the garden to shake his fist in defiance at the early morning bell being rung at St Thomas's. A firm believer in the superiority of elective over biological family life, he delighted in counting many nonrelatives as his "nephews" and "nieces" binding them to him by a blend of amused love and stern good counsel.

He is survived by K and by his niece, the story-writer Paula Wakefield.

### **GEOFFREY JAMESON**

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Jameson was its chairman in

retired in 1985.

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Geoffrey Jameson, CVO, vintner, died on March 7 aged 74. He was born on June 25, 1921.

GEOFFREY JAMESON was a knowledgeable and convivial pillar of the postwar wine trade in London. After a thorough apprenticeship with his father, he went on to forge his own career at Justerini & Brooks, that fine, bow-windowed Regency shop in St James's Street, which has supplied wine buffs in the area, as well as the Royal Yacht Britannia, for many years.

Jameson was well-suited by both his extrovert temperament and birth for his profession, being the grandson of the managing director of Jameson's distillery in Dublin. At Eton he was a member of Pop. and an outstanding sports-man, standing at 6ft 4in. He made a formidable presence on the cricket field. When war was declared in

1939 he joined the 60th Rifles, The Greenjackets saw more than their share of action at Alamein. Their medical officer, Keith Badgett, suffered severe leg wounds and was carried by Jameson across the battlefield to a Jeep, where Jameson administered morphine. Jameson bravely made his way back to the thick of the fighting, but an hour later was shot to pieces, and so badly wounded that the stretcherbearers thought he stood no chance of surviving.

Jameson was admitted to hospital in Alexandria, but his wounds were considered too severe to be dealt with there, and he was moved on to Durban. His first recollection of Durban Hospital was waking, much to his pleasure, to find Keith Badgett in the nextdoor bed.

invalided out of the Army, Jameson returned to England at the end of 1943, and began preparing for his career in wine. His father, Colonel K. E Jameson, was well-established as a private wine merchant, and Jameson joined his father's firm. K. E. Jameson had then a flourishing business dealing with clubs, military and naval messes, and City livery companies.

gave many excellent lunches there, at the end of which guessing the shipper and vintage of the port for a fee raised substantial sums for wine trade charities. He also instigated a further competition which consisted of putting over a golf course laid out from the dining room down the stairs to his office for guests to enjoy on their way Jameson looked after his team well, and this was obvious when he was put in to bat to negotiate annual wage increases. His love of the turf

spread throughout the office and, although a disastrous tipster, he stirred great interest among his colleagues for national race meetings. He invariably won the sweepstake. Despite a certain immobil-All prices at that time were fixed by Retail Price Mainteity because of his war wounds, Jameson was an active memnance, which meant that no undercutting was allowed. Geoffrey Jameson developed an intelligent way of getting round this. He set up wine

ber of the wine trade. He was Clerk to the Royal Cellars, 1964-79, responsible for procuring wines for selection by the wine committee and for maintaining stocks in all the royal households, including the Britannia. For this he was appointed CVO in 1979. He had been a liveryman of the Vintners' Company since

1943, joining the Court in 1974 and becoming Master in 1981-82. For many years, he was a member of the wine committee of Boodles. He was also involved in many wine trade charities, particularly the Tim Derouet Memorial Foundation, which he set up in memory of a friend in the trade. This enabled a newly appointed Master of Wine to receive a scholarship to visit a wine-producing country of his or her choice, and to increase their experience.

1963 Jameson left Jameson kept up his cricket K. E. Jameson to take up an and golf for as long as he was appointment with Justerini & able. But for the last two years Brooks, joining their shop in of his life he was confined to New Bond Street, Jameson bed, after an accident in which became managing director in he was dragged by his dog, 1968, the year he set up the Texas, over the bonnet of a car shop's new premises at 61 St and across a road. Texas was James's Street. He ran the forgiven, and became a faithwholesale and retail business. ful companion thereafter at overseeing the day-to-day run-Jameson's bedside.

His wife Margaret, younger ning of the shop, until he daughter of the 1st Lord Kil-He was known as the "genlearn, died in 1993, and he is tle giant" in the office, and survived by their son.

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ONE OF the world's leading historians of science, Alistair Crombie had as his central interest the modes of scientific thinking as they developed within the intellectual context. of medieval and early modern Europe. His abiding interest was the history of theories of the senses and in particular

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the physiology and epistemology of vision and hearing, and their relation to the visual and musical arcs. This was remonumental work Styles of Scientific Thinking in the European Tradition: The history of argument and explanation especially in the mathematical and biomedical science and arts.

in this distillation of a lifetime's work, Crombie made a detailed comparative analysis of the forms of scientific reasoning developed within European intellectual

culture, beginning with the Greek search for the principles of nature and argument itself and applied to an ever wider variety of subject matters.

Alistair Cameron Crombie was born into a landowning family in Australia and was educated at Geelong Grammar school. He began his university career as a medical student at Melbourne University. But he moved to Britain after completing his first degree and from then on spent most of his life there, more than half of it in Oxford.

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He studied for a doctorate at Cambridge where he spent eight years in biological research. But during this time he also studied philosophy and gradually his interests moved in the direction of the history and philosophy of In 1946 he was appointed to

teach and direct research in these subjects at University College London. His first book Augustine to Galileo: The History of Science AD 400-1600 was published in 1952. It was to become a classic in its field and was translated into seven different languages. While he was at University College, Crombie also helped to found The British Journal for the Philosophy of Science of which he was the first editor. Later, as president of the British Society for the History of Science, he organised the foundation of its journal. He was also joint founder and editor of the review History of Science.

In 1953 Crombie was invited to move to Oxford where he was elected a Pellow of Trinity College, and where he was to remain until his retirement in 1983. There he worked to establish the history of science as a normal part of teaching and research for students of science, history and philoso-phy. In 1953 he published his second book, Robert Grossequestion of continuity and change in European scientific tradition from the middle ages to the 17th century. In 1964 Crombie was

awarded the Galileo Prize by

the Domus Galileana in Pisa. He became a leading authority on Galileo and this crucially important scientific figure to occupy his thou much of the last thirty years of his life.

The last two books Crombie was working on were to be called Galileo's Arguments and Disputes in Natural Philosophy and Marin Mersenne: Science, Music and Language. Both, though in an unfinished state, were distinguished studies of science as a rational and not merely a social activity. They were long in the making, and produced much controversy in the process. Although in Oxford the

personal animosities of those

who did not share his vision occasionally prevailed over good sense, Crombie's circle of friends and professional admirers was wide, both nationally and internationally. He was president of the Academie Internationale d'Histoire des Sciences and held visiting professorships in the United States. Paris and Tokyo. He lectured in many European countries as well as in Australia and India. He was a Fellow of the British Academy and a corresponding member of the Academia Leopoldina - the Pontifical Academy of Sciences. He also held honorary doctorates of the universities of Durham and Paris.

In his spare time. Crombie was an enthusiastic landscape gardener, developing magnifi-cent grounds at his home in Boars Hill. His wife Nancy died in 1993.

He is survived by their three sons and one daughter.

### HIS HONOUR ALAN LIPFRIEND



Alan Lipfriend, Circuit Judge 1974-91, died on March 12 aged 79. He was born on October 6, 1916.

AFTER graduating in engineering from Queen Mary College London in 1938, and spending ten years on the design staff of Hawker Aircraft in the period spanning the Second World War, Alan Lipfriend decided on the risky career of a barrister. He was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1948 at the relatively late age of 32. But he soon showed the

qualities of an outstanding advocate and quickly developed an extensive common law practice. His disappointment at not getting silk was mitigated by his appointment in 1974 to the Circuit Bench. He frequently sat as a High Court Judge in the Queen's Bench Division and the Family Division. Between 1978

and 1981 he was a member of the Parole Board. He looked the very model of an English judge, and for years a film clip showing him walking in the procession of judges at the opening of the legal year was used by the BBC in its documentaries on the judicial

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His interests outside the law were wide. In his youth, which never really left him, he was a great sportsman. He played football for Corinthian Casuals and was a great Spurs supporter. He was an enthusiastic squash player and a keen golfer. He became a trustee and later chairman of the New London Synagogue. Between 1981 and 1989 he was a governor of Queen Mary College. He was also a governor of the Central Foundation School for Boys. The theatre was one of his great loves.

His wife Adèle died in 1988. He is survived by his only son.

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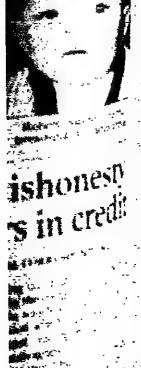
**April 3, 1978** MAN THE REAL PROPERTY.

The author of a long article, from which this is extracted, was (Sir) Robin Day who had submitted evidence to the Royal Commission on Gambling.

private philanthrophy in those many areas of the national life where additional expenditure is, in Mr Jenkins's phrase, "desirable but not essential". The following are obvious examples of areas in which a National Lottery Foundation could be a continuing and independent source of much-needed funds to supplement those, if any, which may be available from government: the arts, sport, leisure, facilities for youth, our cultural and architectural heritage, research (medical, scientific, education-

award of grants, scholarships or prizes in many fields to encourage talent and originality. A National Lottery Foundation could rival and surpass in creative munificence the great philanthropic foundations—Carnegie, Rockefeller, Nuffield, Ford, Gulbenkian. If the possibilities are boldly and imaginativey appreciated, a National Lottery Foundation could become a massive instrument of constructive social action. This undeveloped source of finance may be likened to some wonderful new source of energy. It is there to be exploited. Extraction would be simple and inexpensive. The source of supply would continue indefinitely. The potential is enormous. The tap is waiting to be turned on . . . Imagine 25 lottery draws a year, and tickets at £1 each. The potential revenue from lottery ticket sales among 40 million United Kingdom adults (not to mention tourist ticket-buyers) could be anything from £100m to £500m a year, especially if lottery sales and draws were given maximum publicity on television.

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# Payment to witnesses under review

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Mitchell and Mr Justice Newman Reasons April 2

The question of payments by the media to potential witnesses at a trial required to be reviewed: whether they should be prohibited, or if allowed, at what stage of criminal proceedings and with what, if any, control.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when delivering reserved reasons of the Court of Appeal for having refused on March 19 leave to appeal by Rosemary Pauline West against conviction at Winchester Crown Court (Mr Justice Mantell and a jury) on 10 counts of murder. for which she was sentenced to life imprisonment on each count, the trial judge recommending that she should never be released.

His Lordship said that the answer to the issues raised by the question were not for their Lordips, who had been told that the Attorney-General had been apprised in October 1994 of the the press payments and that consideration was being given to the problems raised by them.

Mr Richard Ferguson, QC and Miss Sasha Wass, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals. for the applicant: Mr Brian Leveson, QC and Mr Andrew Chuhb for the

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE reviewed the facts and grounds of

Turning to press coverage in advance of the trial his Lordship said that there was no doubt that it had been extensive and hostile to the applicant and her husband Fred West, who had committed suicide. Much of it had been directed at Fred and there were references to "House of Horrors".

There had been criticism of the

O'Reilly v Coventry Coroner

An inquest which had not resolved

documentary inconsistencies was

not a sufficient inquiry within

section 13 of the Coroners Act 1988

which provided that the Hi⊴h

Court had power to order a fresh

inquest where that was necessary

or desirable in the interests of

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court (Lord Justice Otton and Mr.

Justice Newman) so held on March 6 when allowing an application under the flat of the

Attorney-General that the verdict

of accidental death returned by a

coroner's jury on October 12, 1994

be quashed and a fresh inquest

MR JUSTICE NEWMAN, cit-

court with the applicant in 1973. True, there had been also reports adverse to the applicant, referring to her as a nymphomaniae and a

But, however lurid the reporting, there could scarcely ever have been a case more calculated to shock the public who were entitled to know the facts.

The question raised on behalf of the defence had been whether a fair trial could be held after such intensive publicity adverse to the

In their Lordships' view it could. To hold otherwise would mean that if allegations of murder were sufficiently horrendous so as inevitably to shock the nation, the accused could not be tried. That would be absurd. Moreover, provided that the

judge effectively warned the jury to

act only on the evidence given in court there was no reason to suppose that they would do othervise. That ground of appeal failed. Adverting to payments to wit-nesses, his Lordship said that a further ground of appeal had been raised on the conduct of the press, A number of prosecution with had been paid or promised payfor their stories.

Five witnesses had been paid sums from newspapers and a television company. One witness had been paid £750, twice. Another had a contract for £20,000 of which, at the time of the trial, she had been paid \$7,500. Another witness had an agreement under which she was to receive some

530,000 for her story. A fourth witness had been paid (8,000 by one newspaper, being £4,000 for photographs of her and £1,000 for the story which had appeared under the title "My kinky sex in house of horror". She had agreed to appear in a television documentary programme to

in reply. Mr Leveson had made Insufficient inquiry ing R v North Humberside Coroner, Ex parte Jamieson (1994) 3 WLR 82), said that an inquest should seek to establish a probable

course of events and if possible resolve ambiguities by inquiry. Here the deceased appeared to have suffered a very rapid deterioration in health during the 13 hours he spent in custody prior to hospitalisation. On the face of it. there were inconsistencies in the custody sheets, police surgeon's record, ambulance and hospital

Those should have been investigated more fully and probably would have been if the documents themselves had been disclosed instead of reliance having been placed on oral evidence.

and had also received £1.000 for information provided to a journalreport of Fred West's death. She said in evidence that she understood that any television film could

only be shown in the event of a conviction but the payment she had agreed was not conditional upon any film being shown. A fifth witness had received

E3,000 from a newspaper before trial. She presumed there was more money to come but had said in evidence that the money was not r her but for the family.

Mr Ferguson submitted that the money received or contracts made by the witnesses, who were important Crown witnesses, rendered their evidence tainted and suspect to the point of making the jury's verdicts unsafe. There was, he said, temptation for such witnesses to exaggerate. The more lurid their account the more valuable the contract. There might have been rehearsals before trial

Whereas a story given to a police officer would be monitored, logged and disclosed to the defence. statements given to journalists were not handled in that way. subconscious desire in the witness to fulfil the agreement with the

Mr Ferguson submitted that that was particularly so in the case of another witness who had said in evidence-in-chief that she had not received any money from the

However, leading counsel for the newspaper group contacted leading counsel for the Crown to disclose an agreement which had been made between the witness and the group concerned. The defence had been told immediately. In cross-examination the wits admitted both the contract and the receipt of money.

it clear that the prosecution deplored the payment of witnesses. Nevertheless, save in respect of the witness's contract of which the prosecution had been unaware until the disclosure, all the other contructs had been disclosed to the defence before trial, so that Mr Ferguson had been able to crossexamine about them.

The effect could only have been to weaken the Crown's case. Mureover, the trial judge had pains-takingly gone through the contracts in detail in his summing up and warned the jury to have regard to the commercial motive which the defence suggested those witnesses had.

Their Lordships had carefully considered the effect of those contracts with the media, Their Lordships reached the conclusion that they did not in the circumstances render the verdicts unsafe. Lordships wished to condone the payment or promise of payment to witnesses in advance of a trial. Far from it. They believed that, in some circumstances, it could put justice

For example, as Mr Leveson had pointed out, one of the witnesses had felt faint during her evidence and had to leave the witness box. That had been before the disclosure that she had received payments from the media. Had she not been fit to return to the witness box, when she had been able to be cross-examined about the payments she had received, the jury might well have been misled and

the verdicts possibly put at risk. In their Lordships' view, the whole issue of media payments to witnesses required to be reviewed: whether they should be prohibited or, if allowed, at what stage of what, if any control, it was not for their Lordships to answer those

They had been told by Mr Leveson that the Attorney-General had been apprised in October 1994 of the material concerning the press payments and that consideration was being given to the problems raised by such

Ín conclusion his Lordship said that Mr Ferguson had argued that there had been a dearth of evidence ist the applicant. Their Lordships could not agree. At the heart of the case was the incontrovertible evidence of the bodies buried at 25 Cromwell Street, of the sadistic sexual abuse they had suffered in life and of the fact that the applicant and Fred lived in the house together throughout the

Given, as their Lordships had held, that the "similar fact" evi-dence was admissible, it showed that the applicant and Fred had been in the habit of sexually and adistically abusing young girls in the cellar of their house for their

There had been the evidence of Fred's admissions coupled with his late confession that he had been protecting the applicant. The jury had had the advantage of hearing and seeing the applicant give evidence and be cross-examined. Clearly they had rejected her evidence. Their Lordships fully understood their having done so.

The concept of all those murders and burials taking place at the applicant's home and currently grave sexual abuse of other young girls being committed by both husband and wife together, without the applicant being party to the killings was, in their Lordships' view, clearly one that the jury had been entitled to reject.

The evidence in its totality was overwhelming. Their Lordships had no doubt that the verdicts were safe and satisfactory Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Severn-Thames,

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Justice Millett and Sir Michael

(Judgment April 2) In an action for the tort of passingoff it was not sufficient to demonstrate that there had to be a connection of some kind between the defendant and the plaintiff, if it was not a connection which would lead the public to suppose that the plaintiff had made himself responsible for the quality of the defendant's goods or services.

A belief that the plaintiff had sponsored or given financial sup-port to the defendant would not ordinarily give the public that impression. Many sporting and artistic events were sponsored by commercial organisations which required their names to be assoated with the event but members of the public were well aware that the sponsors had no control over and were not responsible for the organisation of the event.

The Court of Appeal so stated in reserved judgment dismissing. by a majority, an appeal by the plaintiffs, Harrods Ltd. from the dismissal by Mr Justice Harman on May 13, 1994, of their action against the defendants. The Harrodian School Ltd. whose use, the plaintiffs had alleged, of the name "The Harmdian School" in connection with a private preparatory school in Barnes, south west London, constituted the actionable rong of passing-off.

Mr Charles Sparrow, QC and Mr Daniel Alexander for Harrods; Mr Simon Thorley, QC and Mr Colin Birss for the school. LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said that the plaintiffs enjoyed a long established reputation and good-

will in the business of a department store which they carried on They had had a sports club at

Barnes, which had been known since 1929 as The Harrodian Club. for members of their staff. That was purchased in 1993 by a company whose principal director and shareholder was Sir Alfred Houston-Boswall. It was subquently run by Sir Alfred and his wife as a preparatory school under the name "The Harrodian School"

Deception was the gist of the tort sing-off, but it was not necessary for a plaintiff to establish that the defendant consciously intended to deceive the public if that was the probable result of his

Nevertheless, the question why the defendant sought to adopt a particular name or get up was always highly relevant. It was "a question which falls to be asked and answered": see Sodastream Ltd v Thorn Cascade Co Ltd [1982] RPC 459, 466) per Lord Justice

If it was shown that the defendant deliberately sought to take the benefit of the plaintiff's goodwill for himself the court would not "be astute to say that he cannot succeed in doing that which he is straining every nerve to do": see Slazenger & Sons v Feltham & Co ((1889) 6 RPC 531, 538) per Lord Justice Lindley.

The plaintiffs relied on the

evidence of Sir Alford that he took the name Harrodian after careful thought and because he believed it culd be of advantage to him, being aware that it was a name that had been used to indicate a mnection with Harrods.

The plaintiffs' skeleton argument put those latter words into Sir Alford's mouth. But he never said them. They were counsel's words, and although Sir Alford agreed with them, his evidence aken as a whole clearly showed that the connection with Harrods was not the advantage which he

Sir Alford admitted that the

owned by Harrods. But he insisted that his decision to call the school The Harrodian School was based on the long association of the name with the site and that the only advantage which he saw in the name was to indicate the location of the school on a site of 20 acres of fine playing fields close to the river.

in the classic case of passing-off, there the defendant represented his goods or business as the goods or business of the plaintiff, there was an obvious risk of damage to the plaintiff's business by substitu-

In Taittinger SA v Allbev Ltd [[1993] FSR 641, 669], the court appeared to have recognised a different head of damage. If the defendants were allowed to market their product under the name er champagne would take place a blurring or erosion of the uniqueness that now attends the word 'champagne', so that the exclusive reputation of the champagne houses would be debased per Lord Justice Peter

Erosion of the distinctiveness of a brand name had been recognised as a form of damage to the goodwill of the business in a number of cases but unless care was taken that could mark an unacceptable extension to the tort Dassing-off

To date the law had not sought to protect the value of the brand me as such, but the value of the goodwill which it generated; and the law insisted on orror of the law insisted on proof of confusion to justify its

But the erosion of the distinctiveness of a brand name which occurred by reason of its degener rion into common use as a generic term was not necessarily dependent on confusion at all.

The danger that if the defendant's product was called cham-

Link insufficient for passing off no one was decrived into thinking that such wine really was

His Lordship had an intellectual difficulty in accepting the concept that the law insisted upon both the presence of confusion and damage and yet recognised as sufficient a head of damage which did not

depend on confusion. Counsel for the plaintiffs had relied strongly on damage of that nature, but it was, in his Lordship's opinion, not necessary to

consider it further. There was no danger of Harrods" becoming a generic term for a retail emporium in the luxury class, and if such a danger existed the use of a different name in connection with an institution of a different kind would not advance

The plaintiffs had failed on the vidence to establish any real likelihood of confusion or damage to their goodwill. His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Beldam delivered a concurring judgment.

SIR MICHAEL KERR, dissen ing, said that if the staff club had been called "The Harrods Club", and all other facts had been the same, it would seem unthinkable that an injunction precluding the defendants from calling them selves "The Harrods School" would have been refused.

All the arguments about the disparity between the parties' fields of activity, the paucity of evidence of confusion, and the relative unlikelihood of damage. would go out of the window.

Il so, could it really make any difference that the appropriated Harrods in its adjectival form? That was a question for the court. but in his Lordship's opinion the answer must be "No".

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Bird

# Care in community reason for staying on

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Zakrocki

Before Mr Justice Carnwath Budgment March 29i

A British citizen who needed constant care was entitled to the benefit of the government's care in the community policy, the key objective of which was the promotion of domicillary care. It was Home Secretary to refuse close relatives leave to remain in the United Kingdom in order to render such care when there was evidence that no alternative arrangements could be made by the social

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Queen's Bench Division granting an application for judicial review to quash the Home Sec-retary's refusal on July 20, 1995 to grant Edward and Elziebeta Zakrocki an extension of leave to

remain in the UK. Mr and Mrs Zakrocki were in their sixties and came from Poland. In 1990 they were given leave to enter the United Kingdom for six months to visit her aged mother who died shortly afterwards. That left the problem of Mrs Zakrocki's brother, a British citizen also in his sixties, who had epilepsy, learning difficulties and spoke very little English. He had previously been cared for by their mother and was now totally dependent on the Zakrockis for all the activities of living such as washing, dressing

The Zakrockis were granted an extension of their stay in order to make arrangements for the brother's care. The social workers supported their application for further extensions, saying that the alternative of sending the brother into a home was very costly. In any event he was unwilling to go into a home or back to Poland.

Mr Rabinder Singh for Mr and Mrs Zakrocki; Mr Steven Kovatz for the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH said the critical issue was the accordance with the government's care in the community policy which applied to British citizen

There was no evidential basis to support the Home Secretary's assertion that arrangements could be made to have him looked after when the evidence was that no satisfactory alternative arrangements could be made.

The Home Secretary's decision Wednesbury sense (Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v KB 223) and had to be quashed. Solicitors: Ms Carol Blakemore. Hackney: Treasury Solicitor.

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More and more students are drawn to media studies, but few realise that the courses have little to do with a career in journalism

writes that her daughter wants to do media studies. What do I advise?

Put her on the stage. Mrs Worthington - or lock her up. My prejudices incline to those of another reader, a Fellow of the Royal Society, who wrote from Cornwall to say: "You may have noticed that it is always a danger sign when 'studies' or 'science' is tacked on to the name of the subject; it is almost a guarantee

that it will not be the real thing." But media studies are real enough, according to the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) in Cheltenham, which has seen applicants rise fivefold between 1986 and 1994. Sixty-one of the 197 degree-conferring insti-tutions throughout Britain offer this speciality, either on its own or as the major component of a twosubject course. Many others offer gaudy combinations including visual design, public relations and

The sad thing is that many, and

Beware the rise in hands-off lessons maybe most, students are drawn in for the wrong reason. By and large, media studies are not voca-

tional courses at all. They are certainly not journalism training courses. "Very few 18-year-olds appreciate that," says Professor Brian Winston of the Centre for Journalism Studies at Cardiff, which does offer a year-long training course, but at the postgraduate level.

Professor Peter Golding, head of the Standing Conference on Cultural, Communication and Media Studies at the University of Loughborough, says that media studies are a good pathway to a job

but not in media. "Universities are not the best place to learn about journalism," he says. He advises students to work for a year,

and then think about journalism. Professor Golding, whose committee has been charged by Ucas with clarifying exactly what is being taught around the country under the banner of media studies, and to what standard, recommends that prospective students and their parents ask for a detailed outline and a first-year reading list of any course they are considering.

In early June, Ucas is planning to publish a pamphlet, to be sent to all schools, which will stress that undergraduate courses in media are non-vocational. For its part, the Newspaper Society, the organisation representing the regional and local press, announced last week that it will publish a league table of journalism courses so that editors and publishers will be better able to judge those claiming to be "trained".

But if only the divide between the academic and vocational, undergraduate and graduate, were as clear as it sounds. Unfortunate-



BRENDA MADDOX

ly, the Government's funding policies invite universities to dress up undergraduate media courses with vocational trappings. This means that universities can claim from local education authorities a mucher higher fee (£1,600) for a student who is doing a laboratory" or "workshop" course than for

It must be very tempting, therefore, for university administrators to set up mock studios and newsrooms and encourage, say, media sociology students to cut film and design a page layout. Equally, it must be tempting for students to persuade themselves that they have had hands-on training.

To be fair, many students wish to study media for the inherent interest of the subject. Stuart Hall, professor of sociology at the Open University, disagrees with my view that media studies do not constitute a valid intellectual discipline. They are the literacy of our time, he says. They represent to today's students what the classics did for ages past. People used to study Greek and Latin, not to become classicists, he says, but to train their minds and to understand the world around them.

Media are a focus on life itself. Listening to his forceful eloquence, I am nearly persuaded. Does advertising change minds? What is the effect of globalisation of mass media? There is much to think about. I am particularly tempted by the new course he will offer at the Open University next

year - "The Sony Walkman as a

Cultural Object".

But I draw back. Media studies reek not only of trendiness — the history of Hollywood, for example - but of political correctness. The myriad courses on cultural identity and on racial and sexual stereotyping, the modish textbooks with titles such as The Gendering of a Leisure Technology (women's use of the domestic video recorder), smack of an in-built message ready to be

preached. Even more, I dislike

how media studies emphasise the here-and-now. Even physics or engineering carry some trace of history. "Media" are simply too bound to the 30th century to classify as today's classics. The young people flocking to them seem to be what Yeats deplored as unremembering hearts and heads" - utterly unconcerned with the past.

Various academic voices assure me that many media studies courses go back to Gutenberg. Of course they teach the history of the press and of the growth of the international publishing trade. Of course they include instruction in statistics, in the interpretation of research results, and in the development of international communication law. But only if they are good media courses, my advisers

So that's all right then. With the right media course your son or roundly educated as if in literature, science or philosophy. But



Pepsi has spent \$500,000 on launching its new-look cans (below), including repainting Concorde (above) and turning the Daily Mirror blue

# Coke gives Pepsi the blues

turn the Dolby sound get the smoke machines pumping. Yes, the cola wars razzmatazz machine is going full-steam ahead again. By turning its can blue, Pepsi Cola has unveiled "one of the most significant moments" in its history. You

name it and Pepsi marketers have come up with a gimmick. to make us sit up and imbibe its Coke-bashing message: "Red is what was. Blue is the colour of the future." it added supermodel Clau-

dia Schiffer and tennis star Andre Agassi to its "Pepsi family" of advertising stars. led by the "First Lady of Pepsi", Cindy Crawford. It out a Concorde in Papai livery, at a cost of £125,000, and cajoled astronauts on Russia's Mir space station to drink our health with the fizzy liquid. It even managed to get the Daily Mirror to erase the fine distinction between advertising It's cola wars time again, but whatever the image the product remains the same, says Alan Mitchell

and editorial, with a special blue masthead and full-page promotion of the stunt.

The design agency, Landor, sifted 3,000 potential designs to come up with Pepsi's new brand ID. Among the highlights: the old italic script is now upright because that subliminally sends us the message that the brand is more confident" and "stands on its own two feet", says the lead designer, Richard Brandt.

The old Peosi ball has become a globe because "making it global brings Pepsi's stature home". And the globe has a glow on its edge to symbolise the dawning of a new millennium. The compe tition reinforces its roots in the past. But our design is very important to young people We symbolise that the new millennium is a new begin-



The colour is crucial. Pepsi's new blue is modern, on the move, fun and dynamic, says John Swanhaus, Pepsi's senior vice-president of international marketing. "Blue is as deep as the ocean and as high as the sky. It's much more refreshing

Yet, compared to Coca-Cola's famous contour bottle, its legendary script writing and its name recognition (Coca-Cola is the globe's second most recognised phrase behind "OK"), Pepsi lags way behind in the image stakes.

And Coke also owns the

colour red. "It's very easy for the competition to take over a stadium. But with the old red. white and blue it was very difficult for us," says Mr Brandt. "Presence is everything," says Mr Swanhaus. Over the next two years he

will be spending \$500 million repainting 30,000 Pepsi trucks and 500,000 vending ma-chines, along with billions of new cans and global advertising destined to reach 300 million people.

But this is the ultimate in post-modern marketing: all hype and no substance. It is

Hundreds of television crews and newspaper paparazzi may rush to get the latest pictures end there is nothing new or improved about the product. And Pepsi faces the same

old problems. While Pepsi has recently signed a global deal with MTV which helps it to target the youth market, Coke has tied up high-profile events such as the Olympics and Euro 96. Mr Swanhaus admits that

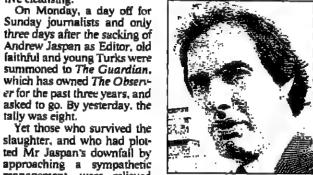
cola wars are valuable marketing hype but the real battle is among the bottlers, the corner shops and vending machines. Having invested \$3 billion building its distribution over the last three years, Pepsi is making some headway - but not much. Coke's annual marketing budget is \$3.8 billion and it is growing annually by nearly as much as Pepsi is spending on its relaunch. Being so far behind the market leader will keep on giving Pepsi the blues.

# set to race again

Observer's pulse

MacArthur on the paper's

the top



slaughter, and who had plotted Mr Jaspan's downfall by approaching a sympathetic management, were relieved that after three years of dithering The Guardian was at last acting decisively to revive morale at the world's oldest Sunday newspaper.

day the wags were say-

ing that the stakeholde

society now being test-market-ed in Fleet Street by the arrival

as Editor of Will Hutton.

author of the best-selling The

State We're In, where Tony Blair's big new idea was spawned, had already started

with the ritual round of execu-

summoned to The Guardian

tally was cight.

The appointment of Mr Hutton, with Alan Rusbridger, the Editor of The Guardian, as Executive Editor, is significant on at least three counts. It heralds a switch in power at The Guardian, with Mr Rusbridger and Caroline Marland, the managing director, a new and young ation, in control. It marks the passing from power of Peter Guardian for 20 years - and who was latterly Editor-in-Chief of the daily and Sunday papers concentrating on The Observer, it also means that The Observer will become a

city state of The Guardian. Swift and brutal action is certainly necessary. At question now is the very survival of The Observer as an indepen dent title. Since it was bought by The Guardian three years ago, there have been three editors, £20 million has been lost, and sales have stubbornly

failed to lift off. So at the third attempt Mr Rusbridger and Mr Hutton must now restore the reputation of The Observer as the Sunday voice of the liberal left. where it is increasingly challenged by the self-confident

new talents at





Robert Harris, now writes in The Sunday Times. Yet in Mr Rusbridger it now has an Executive Editor who

has demonstrated his talent in

both areas (and revolutionised

The Guardian in the past 15

months) and in Mr Hutton an Editor who is passionately

consumed by politics and eco-

nomics. It is a combination of talents that ought at last to set

the pulse of The Observer

racing again.





(top), and Peter Preston

Independent on Sunday. which recently declared itself for a republican Britain. The strengths of The Observer have always been politics and culture. Under The Guardian's ownership neither has flourished — and the sharpest, most thought-provoking Sunday columnist from the left,

Admirers of Mr Preston will be glad that his obsession with The Observer is no longer in danger of destroying a brilliant reputation. When The Independent was launched Mr Preston judged correctly that it was a direct threat to The Guardian. He saw off the

upstart by revolutionising the design, content and marketing of The Guardian. When the Independent on Sunday was launched, he backed The Sunday Correspondent to spike its guns and then beat The Independent to buy The Observer, since when he has suffered the fate of daily editors - Andreas Whittam Smith of The Independent was another - who try to conquer the different culture of the Sunday paper. Mr Preston always saw the

revival of The Observer as a long-term operation, but the flair and judgment that he The Guardian deserted him when he became Editor-in-Chief of The Observ er. Yet few editors survive ten years, let alone 20, an achievement Mr Preston shares only with Sir David English of the Daily Mail in the past 30 years. His lasting memorial is the success of The Guardian and his ability, again shared with Sir David, to nurture in Mr Rusbridger a successor of equal flair.

### Roy Greenslade argues that rigorous, and sometimes underhand, investigations do serve the public interest

Behind every story there is, invariably, another story. Sometimes these are fascinating, yet they rarely reach public attention because they are too arcane, too complex or too embarrassing. Here is one that is all three, but it should be told because of its far-reaching implications for press freedom.

It began in July 1994, when The Sunday Times published its cash-for-questions investigation. It claimed that two Conservative MPs, Graham Riddick and David Tredin-

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is, it seems, a preference for

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Both groups love Ballykiss-angel (number three in both

charts) and The Bill, as well

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# Setback for press freedom

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nick, had accepted £1,000 each for tabling a parliamentary question. Soon after, John Major set

up the Nolan committee to look into standards in public life. The two MPs were suspended from the Commons. When Mr Riddick complained to the Press Complaints Commission (PCC) that the paper had obtained its story unfairly,

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the paper was cleared. The newspaper's Insight reporters went on to win two awards for the investigation.

Then, in April last year, the Commons Committee on Privileges alleged that there had been a discrepancy in the evidence and asked the PCC to reconsider the whole affair. But by this time there was a chairman, Lord

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Wakeham having succeeded Lord McGregor.
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months. It finally wrote a lengthy letter to the committee last week which completely adjudication.

overturned its original It implies that Lord McGregor made a critical error in going ahead with the original inquiry because Mr

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Riddick withdrew his com-plaint and offered no evidence. So the decision was based on a one-sided argument. "This was a serious breach of our procedures," says the letter. Then the PCC points out

that there was no record of the initial, disputed conversation between Mr Riddick and the journalist because his hidden tape-recorder did not work. It criticises the paper for not making clear why Mr Riddick. who accepted the cheque at first, then returned it. But the substantive assault

on the paper begins with the revelation that the newspaper set out on its investigation after a businessman told reporters that four MPs had accepted payments from him. The whistle-blower demanded that it not investigate his specific allegations. That was the point at which

the Insight team decided to take a random sample of 20 MPs - ten Tory and ten Labour -- and offer them money. The Committee of Privileges called this "entrapment through deception" and the PCC clearly agrees.

Though the paper had been told about the practice of MPs being paid to ask questions. the PCC contends it was not "sufficient to justify a random attempt to lure MPs to accept

tion to behave improperly". Unsurprisingly, Mr Riddick seized on the PCC's letter as vindication. In a trenchant leader on Sunday, the paper countered with a reminder of Mr Riddick's suspension by his fellow MPs and defended its use of subterfuge. To confuse matters, the PCC

has just rejected a complaint from another MP, Barry Porter, against The Sunday Times. The paper alleged that he was willing to accept £1,500 from a business client to arrange a meeting with a minister. And what methods did the paper use to reveal this fact? Subterfuge, of course. But this was subterfuge which the PCC viewed as defensible within the code of conduct. The hair-splitting difference

between the Porter and Riddick cases is that the paper had specific information about Mr Porter, but that Mr Riddick was entrapped in a random subterfuge". The PCC has decided that this practice should be outlawed. Even taking into account the

problems the PCC faced in dealing with its earlier mistakes, this is a poor decision. There cannot be any doubt that there is legitimate public interest in MPs' finances. The PCC's ruling is an unfortunate setback to press investigations and carries with it just a hint of a political fix. All editors should rally to the support of The Sunday Times.

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### Major wins battle for referendum

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It is expected that the announcement will be made in a statement from Conservative Central Office and say that the pledge will be included in the Tory manifesto \_\_\_\_\_ Page 1

### **Woolwich chief dismissed**

■ The chief executive of the Woolwich Building Society was dismissed after only three months in the £300,000 post, amid allegations that he misused company cars and facilities. Peter Robinson was told that he had lost the trust of his fellow directors after an internal audit. A six-figure sum is said to have been involved...

### Cyprus disgrace

British soldiers and airmen serving in Cyprus will be sent home in disgrace if found guilty of breaching proper standards of behaviour off duty and upsetting the local community...... Page 1

### Britain under fire

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One of the most successful independent schools has been criticised by inspectors for placing too much emphasis on examina-

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An engineering company lost its appeal against a High Court decision that it must pay £115,000 to two cancer victims who played in asbestos dust when they were children

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Thirty-one Labour MPs defied the party leadership by opposing anti-terrorist legislation... Page 10

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### Instant republic

Unnoticed by the outside world, a small Armenian state, the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh, has formed in the southern Caucasus for the first time since the seventh

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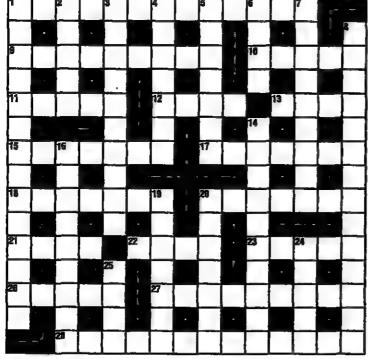
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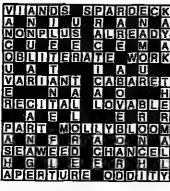
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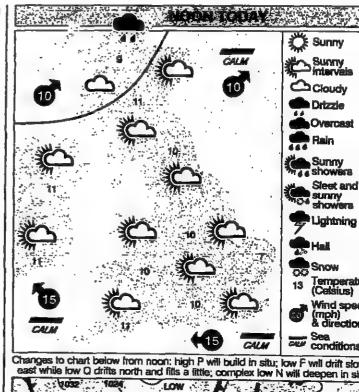
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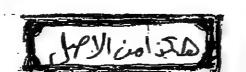


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### Invitation to join the Cliveden set

CLIVEDEN, the botel group whose prime asset is the highaccety country house where so much of the Profumo scandal was played out in the 1960s, yesterday unveiled the spectus for its £24.7 miltion flotation (Ross Tieman

the chance to buy an interest in the former home of the Astor family, about 28 miles west of London, which is now equipped with 37 bedrooms and two restaurants.

SOHN REDWOOD

PETER RIDDELL

The company, headed by the entrepreneurs John Lewis, John Tham and James lished the Cliveden Club, based at Cliveden, and the Cliveden Town House, a 25bedroom hotel near Sloane Square in London.

The flotation is designed to raise £7.4 million to finance the development of existing assets. The company's aim, the prospecius says , is to "develop a group of distinctive hotels



Tea for two John Lewis, right, chairman of hotel group, and John Tham, managing director, in the grounds of Cliveden House yesterday

# Chelsfield wins deal to develop £500m complex

A E500 million shopping and lessure complex that will create up to 3,000 jobs and transform 37 acres of decelic BBC at White City in London has been approved by plan-

The Hammersmith and Fulham development, one of the most significant in the capital since Brent Cross two decades ago, will create a vast shopping hub within 10 minutes of the West End.

Elliot Bernerd, the property developer behind Wentworth Golf Chub, and the Merry Hill shopping centre, clinched the development deal late on Monday night, after months of negotiations. Construction is due to begin early next year. and the complex which will

and other attractions, should be open in time for the J Sainsbury, the supermar-

sign up so far. Mr Bernerd has been inundated with offers, but was smattle to proceed until the deal was signed. He said yesterday that he was "very pleased" to have won clearance for a project that would regenerate a vast swathe of land between the BBC at

Mr Bernerd said: "We are very excited about the project. very good for West London.

Shepherd's Bush and the West

The deal provides a fresh focus for Chelsfield, Mr Bernerd's property company. Merry Hill, in Dudley, West

Midlands, caters for 25 million visitors a year. The new project will occupy 620,000 sq ft, provide parking for 4.500 million to construct, and have a total value of about £500 million, according to Barclays de Zoete Wedd, which advised

Mr Bernerd during the Cheisfield will retain a majority stake in the project. Fellow members of the White City consortium have yet to be announced, but the site's previous owners included Godfrey Bradman, the name behind the City's Broadgate

contracted to sell part of its

complex: Scottish Amicable; London Transport: BICC, the property group, and Railtrack. Negotiations also extended to J. Sainsbury, which had

holding to Bridehall, the private property company, and to General Accident, which was also in the frame. Talks with ners are expected to last several months

Chelsfield's designs on White City date to last September, when the company acquired the 37-acre Vanderbilt Racquet Club in Shepherd's

The ensuing construction project will be the biggest in the capital since Canary Wharf in London's Docklands, and provide a welcome boost for the embattled UK construction industry. The development is a statement of confidence in the UK High Street, but will be greeted with dismay by retailers in Oxford Street and High Street Kensington, which fall within a 10minute radius of the new site. The deal confirms Mr Bernerd's reputation as one of

developers. He bought Wentworth Golf Club in Surrey for £18 million in 1988, and within a year had sold a 40 per cent stake to Japanese interests, recouping his costs, and leaving him with a majority stake in a site valued at £80 million. He took financial control of Merry Hill in October 1994.

Thomas Cook, which specialises in foreign ex-change and travel, said holi-News of the White City deal emerged as Chelsfield anday sales for the Easter nounced pre-tax profits 4 per cent higher, at £10.6 million, in the year to December 31. good, but not dramatic". Earnings per share were 6.3p (5.4p). A final dividend of 1.65p (1.5p) a share makes a total of 2.75p (2.5p) a share for the

The group reported pre-tax profit of £25.2 million for the year to December 31 (£17.1 million).

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Thomas Cook, the travel agency and wholly owned

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in April 1995 remain unsold.

Tour operators have tak-

## **Moores** family reaps £20m dividend

THE wealthy Moores family, owner of Littlewoods, is set to receive a £20 million dividend payment in spite of a sharp fall in profits at the pools to home shopping group.

Pre-tax profits fell 16 per

cent from £116 million to £97.3 million in the year to December 31 on sale 6.3 per cent at £2.3 billion. The decline in profits reflect ed the adverse impact of the National Lottery, a sharp rise in bad debts in the home shopping division and hefty restructuring charges.
The group is undertaking a

E32.1 million restructuring programme, the benefits of which will appear over the next three years. The charge was offset by the receipt of £35.3 million of value-added tax refunds. Jim Michie, the

pany's finance director, said: "As a private company, we can afford to take short-time pain in order to get longterm gain."

The group's pools busi-ness was badly hit by the National Lottery, and, as a result, the leisure division's sales fell 26 per cent to £631 million and operating profits dropped 9.9 per cent to 223.7 million. Mr Michie said that the sales had settled at about 35 per cent down from pre-lottery levels and as a result pool profits were expected to fall further

in the current year. The impact of the lottery was also felt in home shopping as bad debt levels rose steeni as customers opted to buy lottery tickets rather than pay their Littlewoods bills. Home shopping also suffered from the continuing trend away from traditional agency business to direct sales, a shift that Littlewoods is trying to make with the launch of the *Index* Extra catalogue. The division saw operating profits fall 17.9 per cent to £60.7 million.

Mr Michie said that the bad debt problem was being addressed and that the company was confident that all the group's divisions, except the pools business, would improve their profits in the current year.

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### On target

Britain's trouble-prone Trident nuclear missile submarine programme is back on track after the signing by the Government of heads of agreement for the sale and modernisation of Devonport Royal Dockyard in Plymouth. Construction of facilities at Devonport to relit the 16,000 tonne boats will cost about £325 million. That is £100 million more than expected when the contract was provisionally allocated to Devonport after a bitterly fought battle three years ago with the rival Rosyth Royal Dockyard in Fife. Page 24, Pennington 25

London close ..... \$394.75 (\$394.75)

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### Tarmac down

Tarmac is to concentrate on integrating the businesses it acquired in a £600 million asset swap with Wimpey, the housebuilder, this year. Tarmac reported an 81 per cent drop in profits. Page 25

# Rover blames change in accounting for £150m loss

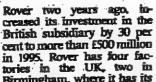
BY ALASDAIR MURRAY

ROVER, the British carmaker now owned by BMW of Germany, incurred a £150 million loss in 1995. The company insisted the losses stemmed from a change in accounting and that under UK accounting conventions it would have made £91 million profit before interest and tax, a ise of nearly 10 per cent.

Sales revenue increased by IS per cent to 15.6 billion. Car oduction rose 4.8 per cent to 501,300, boosted by a 38 per cent increase in sales to non-European markets. John Towers, chief executive,

said: "We have dramatically. increased our engineering and marketing programmes, launched three new models and taken on an extra 4,000 people. We can be very pleased with OUT DESTORMANCE."

BMW, which paid British Aerospace ES29 million for Pischetsrieder sales hopes



British subsidiary by 30 per cent to more than £500 million in 1995. Rover has four fac-tories in the UK, two in Birmingham, where it has its headquarters, and at Cowley, Oxford, and at Swindon. It



has about 40,000 workers: Bernd Pischetsrieder, chairman of the BMW manage ment board, said: "For 1996 as a whole, we expect an increase over 1995 in production and sales for both BMW and Rover." In 1993, the last year the company was owned by BAe, Rover made a £128

million trading profit, which

was reduced to £56 million

after exceptional items. ☐ Vauxhall, owned by General Motors of the US, yesterday ended its recent practice of choosing American bosses by appointing Nick Reilly as chairman. Mr Reilly takes over from Charles Golden, who has accepted a US pharmaceutical post. Mr Reilly was previously manufactur-ing director of Vauxhall's Astra and V6 engine plant at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire,

# **GKN** signs deal with Germans

By Ross Theman, industrial correspondent

GKN, builder of Britain's battle-proven Warrior personnel carriers, has signed a collaboration deal with Krauss-Maffei, MaK and Wegmann, the makers of Germany's Leopard tank. The agreement is apparent-

ly seen as the prelude to creation of a full-blown Anglo-German joint venture ar-moured vehicle company. Each company would inject its armoured vehicle interests. GKN alone employs 700 people in its armoured vehicle division, generating annual sales of some £250 million.

The trigger for the link-up was Britain's decision, announced two week ago, to join France and Germany in a European Arms Procurement Agency. The first common project is development of a ightly annoured "battlefield taxi", known as MRAV. The GKN consortium will

hid against Vickers, builder of the Challenger 2 tank, teamed with Thyssen-Henschel of Germany, for the £4 billion contract to supply 8,200 light armoured vehicles to Britain, Germany and France. The winner is expected to team with Giat, the French state armoured vehicle company, to develop and build the vehicles. Peter Venton, GKN Defence

chief executive, said the agreement came "at the dawn of a new era of collaboration in the European defence industry". GKN and MaK, owned by Rheinmetall, are partners in the Terrier programme to build a new combat engineering tractor for the British Army. Krauss Maffei is owned by Mannesmann, the industrial group, while Wegmann has interests from tank turrets to railway equipment.

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# Getty buys Hulton Deutsch Collection ambitious expansion plan by Mr Getty who, with Jonathan Klein, his

from 1990 to 1993.

THE Getty family, long-associated with oil and philanthropy, is branching out, with the purchase of one of the world's most famous photographic portfolios. The acquisition of The Hulton Deutsch Collection brings the Gettys into direct competition with Bill Gates, the computer billionaire, who has similar designs on the world of visual media.

Mr Gates, founder of Microsoft, inherited a similar array of famous

mann Archive, based in New York, for an undisclosed sum last October. He promptly announced plans to adapt historic snapshots ranging from the Hindenburgh disaster to Marilyn Monroe's billowing skirt to a "payper-view" system for home computers. The Getrys hope to do the same for the world of coannerce, offering digit-ised images down the line to advertis-

ing agencies and publishers. Hulton

Deutsch, based in west London, draws

on works by photographers such as

Alfred Eisenstadt and Robert Capa, and ranks, with Bettmann, as the world's most important privately owned source of historical imagery. Hulton Deutsch, owned for 30 years by the BBC, has gone to Getty Comm-unications, which bought Tony Stone Images, one of the world's top five

non-news photo libraries, in March 1995. The company is co-chaired by Mark Getty, whose father, J. Paul Getty II, put up cash to save Canova's The Three Graces for Britain. The deal is the latest plank in an

co-chairman, formerly worked at Hambros Bank. Mr Getty said: "We are committed to building a major international business as providers of high quality visual content. The Hulton will enhance the group's ability to satisfy the growing demand for imag-ery which is being accelerated by developments in global communications." Funding is provided by Getty family interests, Lord Rothschild's RIT Capital Partners, and the Hambros Group.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

# Anger as London's **CrossRail** project is shelved

TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Government was yesterday accused of killing off the £2.6 billion CrossRail project after Sir George Young, the Transport Secretary, announced that plans to seek Parliamentary approval for the scheme this year have been shelved.

Furious business chiefs said London's future as a world-class city was being threatened by the Government's refusal to commit sufficient funds to upgrading public transport links.

CrossRail was seen as a crucial new artery for London that would bring Heathrow within 35 minutes of the City and create 20,000 new long-term jobs. It involved the construction of a four-mile tunnel under central London, linking Liverpool Street and Paddington stations.

In a written Commons answer Sir George said the Government was handing over sole responsibility for promoting the project to Railtrack, which is being privatised next month. The company previously shared responsibility for CrossRail with British Rail and London Transport.

The Transport Secretary said he would ask Bob Horton to examine the viability of the scheme after the flotation but it will be left to Railtrack to make the decision on whether it should go ahead.

Railtrack sources said there was no chance of CrossRail making any further progress without a public sector commitment of around £1.2 billion to build it as a joint venture.

Sir George also said the project, which had the strong support of Government as recently as 1994. has now been shunted to the back of a queue of major infrastructure schemes in London and the south east. It will not start before 2003 at the earliest, after the completion of the Jubilee Line Extension, Thameslink 2000 and the Channel Tunnel rail link, and will take five years.

Sir George said: "I have therefore asked the chairmen of London Transport, Railtrack and British Rail being with an application under the Transport and Works Act for powers to build CrossRail." Glenda Jackson, Labour's spokeswoman for transport in London said: "This is effectively the end for CrossRail and £150 million of taxpayers' money has been thrown away."



Michael Bennett, chairman of Oasis, sees signs of a pick-up in customer confidence after sales soared in the first nine weeks of the year

# Agreement reached on sale of Devonport yard

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BRITAIN'S trouble-prone Trihigher than expected level of risk transferred to the dock's dent nuclear missile submarine programme is back on buyer, Devonport Managetrack after the signing by the ment Ltd (DML). James Ar-Government of heads of buthnot, Defence Procureagreement for the sale and modernisation of Devonport ment Minister, said that because of the protracted ne-Royal Dockyard in Plymouth. gotiations "the contractor has Construction of facilities at accepted to bear an unprece-

Devonport to refit the 10,000 tonne boats will cost about £325 million. That is £100 million more than expected when the contract was provisionally allocated to Devonport after a bitterly fought battle three years ago with the rival Rosyth Royal Dockyard

Industry sources blame changes in Ministry of Defence requirements for the cost escalation together with the

partner in Hunting Brae, which manages the Atomic Weapons Establishment at Aldermasion and Burgh Heath where Britain's nuclear bombs are made. New facilities are needed for

dented proportion of the risk".

In an effort to improve management of the Trident far larger than the atomic-powered hunter-killer boats already in service. DML has undertaken to modify one of its support programme, the MoD has insisted that Brown & largest docks and construct a a Root, the US contactor, asnuclear fuel handling building. sume management control of DML. The company, hitherto proved management after the National Audit Office critian equal partner with Weir Group, the Scottish engineer. cised cost over-runs on MoD and BICC, the cables comprogrammes at the Faslane

pany, will increase its holding in DML to 51 per cent.

Devonport facilities in time to refit the first Trident, HMS Vanguard, early in the next century. The three boats will each require a £150 million to £200 million overhaul every ten to 12 years. Yesterday's the Trident ballistic missile announcement appears to sesubmarines because they are cure the jobs of 3,600 perma-

nent staff at Devonport.
Negotiations for the sale of the yards were complicated because the only bidders were the companies that have been running them for the past nine

Agreement on the sale of Rosyth to Babcock Rosyth Defence, a subsidiary of Babcock International Group, is

Pennington, page 25 interim payment.

# Airbus prepares to challenge Boeing

PREPARATIONS for Airbus Industrie to spend \$8 billion to \$12 billion developing a super-jumbo to challenge the Boeing 747 are gathering pace. The European planemakers' consortium, where British Aerospace holds a 20 per cent stake, has set up a new division to work on its A3XX project. Headed by Jürgen Thomas, the former head of regional aircraft at Daimler-Benz Aerospace, an Airbus partner, the division will define the 500-seat-plus plane and work out how it can be funded. Boeing of America, the world's biggest planeanaker, has already confirmed plans to build a strenched version of its 747 jumbo incorporating a new wing at a cost of more than \$1 billion. Mr Thomas said Airbus would build an all-new aircraft offering efficiency. passenger comfort and environmental acceptability that "could not be matched by an ultimate derivative of the existing large aircraft in this size category".

# Mercury bid ruled out

FRANCE TELECOM said yesterday that it would not bid for Mercury Communications, owned 80 per cent by Cable and Wireless, if C&W goes ahead with a £35 billion merger with BT. The statement came a day after Deutsche Telekom. Europe's biggest phone company, dismissed as "pure speculation" reports that it was interested in bidding for Mercury. The most likely candidates for Mercury now appear to be Bell Canada International, which owns 20 per cent, America's "baby bells" and cable companies.

### Record nuclear exports

BRITAIN'S nuclear industry's exports rose £100 million to a record £600 million in 1995, the British Nuclear Industry Forum, the trade and information association, said. More than two thirds of the exports were sales of nuclear fuel products and services, mostly from BNFL, the nuclear fuel company. The figures, calculated from a survey of the forum's 70-member companies, point to exports rising to more than El billion by 2000. The BNIF said the figures meant about a third of the sector's £4 billion turnover was now accounted for by exports.

## **GEC** wins ship orders

GEC ALSTHOM has won orders for two 300-cabin cruise ships from Renaissance Cruises. If an option for a third ship is exercised, the contract value could reach \$500 million. The vessels will be built in France by Chantiers de l'Atlantique, a GEC Alsthom subsidiary. GEC Alsthom is a joint venture between Britain's General Electric Company and Alcatel Alsthom of France in which both companies have equal shares. The contract is expected to be signed within weeks. The first ship is scheduled for delivery in mid-1998.

### Blow for US economy

THE American economy slowed down more abruptly at the end of last year than previously thought, the Commerce Department said. Gross domestic product growth was revised to a 0.5 per cent annual rate in the final quarter, compared with an initial estimate of 0.9 per cent and a rate of 3.6 per cent in the third quarter. Although the evidence has suggested continued sluggishness in the early months of the year, the Conference Board yesterday reported a rise in its leading economic index of 1.3 per cent in February, the largest rise since January 1976.

### **Zotefoams setback**

A COMMUNICATIONS breakdown between Zotefoams and its largest customer yesterday prompted the foam maker to issue a profits warning, bringing an end to the promising start it had made to life as a public company. Zotefoams shares tumbled 60p to 279p. Zotefoams belatedly discovered that Wrebbit, a Canadian toy company, had accumulated large stocks of the foam that it uses in its popular threeil ligsaw. Wrebbit's de-stockini hold back Zotefoams' sales for the first half of this year.

### Official reserves fall

THE overall level of Britain's official reserves fell \$151 million in March, bringing the reserves at the end of March to \$44.80 billion, compared with \$44.95 billion at the end of February. The underlying change in the reserves was a fall of \$147 million. The Treasury said that there were repayments of borrowing under the Exchange Cover Scheme of \$6 million. The March tender of UK ECU Treasury bills amounted to \$1.26 billion and maturing UK ECU Treasury Bills also totalled \$1.26 billion.

### Gas rules approval close

THE European Commission proposes to approve British Gas's network rules on gas transportation and storage. The rules were notified to the Commission for clearance by TransCo, the division of British Gas which operates a gas transportation network in Britain. TransCo established the rules after consultation with gas shippers and the British Office of Gas Supply, the Commission said. The Commission gave third parties a month to comment on the issue, but said it intended to "take a favourable position" on the accord.

### Granada in TV revamp

GRANADA, the media and hotels group that paid £3.9 billion for Forte in January, yesterday announced a restructuring that will put all of its television interests into one division. Duncan Lewis, former chief executive of Mercury Communications, is to become chief executive of Granada Media, reporting to Charles Allen. Granada's chief executive. Granada Media will consist of Granada Television, LWT, 20 per cent of Independent Television News, II per cent of BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, and Laser, the airtime sales house, among other interests.

# Leaseholders receive **Housing Bill boost**

By SARA McConnell

ement of ineir own proper ty, freeing themselves from aggressive or incompetent landiords, under a new clause introduced into the Housing Bill by Labour yesterday.

David Ashby, the Conserva-tive MP, and Cecil Walker, the Ulster Unionist MP, voted with Labour to add a "right to manage" clause during the standing committee debate on the Housing Bill. They also

LONG leaseholders will have added their votes to Labour's the right to control the man- to force through two more ciauses which are desig allow a greater number of leaseholders to exercise the right to buy the freehold of

their property.
Nick Raynsford, the Shadow Housing Minister, hailed the votes as an "historic victory for leaseholders" and said they "marked an important stage in the long campaign against the injustics of the leasehold system".

### Record year at Waterford

Trident operating bases.

The MoD insisted on im-

Brown & Root will be hard

pressed to complete the

WATERFORD Wedgwood, maker of fine cut crystal and bone china, yesterday declared itself fully recovered early 1990s and set out its plans to double in size by the end of the decade. The company reported

record pre-tax profits for 1995 of iri28.1 million, a 24 per cent improvement on 1994. Waterford Wedgwood is paying a final dividend of 0.95p a share, increasing the total 50 per cent to 1.2p.

# **Independent review** body for accountants

THE accountancy profession consist of "people of standing is to set up an independent review body to act as a catalyst for implementing change in the profession.

The new body, which it is hoped will be in place by 1998, is likely to be called the Accountants Regulatory Review Body. It will monitor how regulations and discipline work within the

It is intended to be entirely independent of the profession,

minus, and be tree to commen on, and review, the profession's activities"

This is the first time for decades that a serious effort at raising the reputation of the profession has been agreed by all six accountancy bodies.

More stop

at busy

**Oasis** 

MICHAEL BENNETT, the

chairman of Oasis, the cloth-

ing retailer, said yesterday he

was seeing signs of a pick-up

in customer confidence (Sarah Bagnall writes). Sales in

the first nine weeks of the year leapt 41 per cent. Strip-ping out the benefits of new

store openings, sales rose 19

Mr Bennett said: "We have

detected a slightly more re-

laxed atmosphere. But what-

ever the statistics say, it all

comes down to how secure

people feel in the workplace."

Oasis was revealing its

first set of full-year figures

since it floated last June. Pre-

tax profit jumped 21.5 per

cent to £11.2 million before

flotation expenses of £1.3

million. Sales rose 29 per cent

The group is paying a 3.33p final dividend. There was no

to £60.9 million.

per cent.

The body would be able "to review all aspects of the profession's public interest activities" and would report from time to time on specific issues.

### TOURIST RATES

# Row simmers over job and trade links



BRITAIN and America last night clashed over linking minimum employment standards and international trade as the world's leading industrial nations agreed a new strategy aimed at combating unemployment at the Group of Seven conference on jobs.

Britain is strongly opposed to any social clause link between trade and labour standards, while America wants trade ministers to bring forward proposals on linking trade and jobs at a conference this year in Singapore of the World Trade Organisation, the successor to Gatt.

Robert Reich, the US Labour Secretary, said yesterday that the WTO was the "proper forum" for the issue to be considered, but William Waldegrave, Chief Secretary to the

Treasury, said: "We are not convinced that using the WTO in this way would not be a route for protectionism by the back door."

☐ Creating the conditions for sustainable growth and strong job creation, including cutting public deficits. including promoting technology and focusing on the long-term through

Preventing social exclusion, includ-

an emphasis on macroeconomic policies, with structural labour market reforms following. Gillian Shephard, Education and Employment Secretary, said of the conference: "It has been valuable. It has endorsed our

creation and income growth.

# Waldegrave: back-door route

# FROM PHILIP BASSETT IN LILLE



The simmering row over trade and jobs was brought into the open yesterday by Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs and Employment Commission-er, when he called for a new social clause. Britain said that its position on the WTO was supported by Germany. Canada and Japan, while France and Italy backed America.

The G7 summit broadly agreed a new international strategy for jobs

☐ Fostering new jobs in the future,

investment in training.

ing pursuing policies that promote security of employability. Much of the G7's conclusions reflect

approach. The G7 communiqué said: "Strong growth will undoubtedly help to reduce unemployment. But much will still remain to be done to address the structural problems which impede job

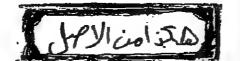


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business whose main asset is in Hong Kong might be regarded as such vital strategic importance to these isles that the Government should step in to protect it from foreign ownership. But this is what is being whispered by not entirely disinterested sources close to BT and Cable and Wireless. This is the biggest game in town, and the two can expect to make combined profits of £4 billion if a marriage goes ahead, according to research yesterday from NatWest Securities. But it

deal, and the way is still open for a foreign business to come in before vows are taken. BT, although a monolith on its home turf, is rather a small player on the world stage, about equal to one of the American "Baby Bells", two of which have just announced a merger. A reverse acquisition by C&W would not only provide the latter with some managers to replace the two top men recently defenestrated, it would give BT access to a stream of earnings, in

DIT SEEMS bizarre that a

the form of HongKong Telecom, beyond the reach of an increas-ingly difficult UK regulator. The market, therefore, is being massaged towards the belief that nothing can stand in the way of a match. A whisper on Friday that Jan Lang at the Department of

# Hanging on the colonial line

☐ Lang must not intervene in BT/C&W ☐ In defence of splitting customer and supplier ☐ Shock sacking at the Woolwich

Trade and Industry had decided shareholders of any premium

Now the rumour is that Lang is prepared to use C&W's outdated golden share arrangement, which gives the Government control, to block a foreign buyer, of which there is no shortage of candidates. AT&T may now be less interested, but is a long way from being a done other Baby Bells will be keen. Veba of Germany has a long 10 per cent of C&W, which is at least

an expression of intent.

For the Government to foil such ambitions, if expressed as a firm bid, would be unacceptable on three grounds. First, it would be grotesquely inconsisent, coming from an administration that has allowed chunks of the water and electricity industry to go to over-seas buyers, has sold bits of British Rail to the Japanese, has even been happy to allow foreign capital into our defence industry see Devonport, in this column. The only indigenous bits of C&W, Mercury and One-to-One worth together £2.5 billion, would have to be sold, probably to overseas

buyers, if BT gains control.

Second, it would deprive

to wave it through had to be denied by the DTI on Monday. another bidder is prepared to pay, a curious policy for a pay, a curious policy for a Government supposedly committed to the principles of the free

market and privatisation - and one that has used the threat of foreign buyers, as with Power-Gen and more recently British Energy, to help public sales go with a swing. Third, it would send a disastrous message to overseas capital considering investing in Britain.

The betting is that Lang is embarrassed by some of the market rumours and inclined to follow his free market sympathies. Indeed he should.

### Game of monopoly good for taxpayer

☐ FEW public sector bodies can match the sheer incompetence of the Ministry of Defence in the management of project risk. The growing complexity of weapons systems in recent decades has out-paced the training and talent of the MoD's military officials and civil servants alike.

As a result, programme after

PENNINGTON



programme has encountered deays and cost over-runs. The Trident ballistic missile submarine programme has only one highlight the success of its private sector contractor, VSEL in completing the boats on time and to budget. Procurement of the support services has been a shameful shambles.

Agreement on sale and modernisation of the Devonport Royal Dockyard, where the boats will be refitted, is a welcome step towards transfer-ring the risk on this project, at least, to the private sector. Companies can make mistakes too witness Eurotunnel. But Brown & Root, now assuming responsibility, has a good record in managing complex work.

long-overdue separation between customer and supplier. The need for such a separation in arms procurement, learned at such cost, has even been acknowledged in France, where the state-owned shipbuilder, DCN, is to be reduced to a

supplier role.

That augurs well for operation of the new European Arms Agency, set up by France, Germany and Britain to win better value for taxpayers. By combining the needs of three countries in a single order, the Agency hopes to win economies of scale in manufacture and lower support costs in combined military operations.

Now GKN has teamed with

three German companies to bid for the work. If they win, they will aim to create a single joint venture armoured vehicle company. Will there room for a competitor? Perhaps. But as arms industry rationalisation accelerates, few big programmes attract more than two bidders anyway. As monopolistic customers, defence ministries have enormous clout over their suppli-

The main significance is the ers. Used to good effect, that mg-overdue separation be should win better value for the taxpayer, and prevent a re-run of the Trident disaster.

### Here's to you, Mr Robinson

□ JUST what occasioned the abrupt fall from greatness of Peter Robinson at the Woolwich, the building society he had scaled to the top of, will for now have to remain a matter for him. his lawyers and his conscience. But some fairly lurid rumours are already doing the rounds of what is still a tight-knit industry, and experience says they will eventually leak. What is certain is that there

will be few tears shed among the building society's workforce for a chief executive nicknamed "The Hatchetman" for his willingness to do whatever was necessary to bring the society to the stock market next year. There does not appear to have been much affection for Mr Robinson in the boardroom either.

The alleged behaviour that led to his dramatic sacking started

some way into his term of office, it seems. This itself only began in January. The supposition must be that what looks like a case of folie de grandeur was turned up almost immediately by one of those interminable and nit-picking audits familiar to any executive who has jumped through the various hoops that lead to a stock market debut. In this case this process might even be justified, for once. The nonexecutives, too, have justified their place by their swiftness to take the necessary action.

As a result, the flotation will go through unimpeded, even if there will be pressure to find a new chief executive as fast as possible. It is to be hoped the list of candidates will be taken from banking or even industry as a whole, rather than what is left of the building society movement.

### Debt to society

ACCORDING to Tony Bonner, who chairs the ineptly re-named CBI Small and Medium Enterprise Council, the search for the very worst bill-payers in the public sector has come up with two predictable but embarrassing names: the Serious Fraud Office and the Office of the National Lottery. The former takes ages to do anything. The latter presumably also pays a few random bills by return.

# Tarmac hit by slide in housebuilding profits

TARMAC said yesterday it would concentrate on integrating the businesses it acquired in a £600 million asset swap with Wimpey, the housebuilder, this year, after reporting a 81 per cent drop in full-year profits to December 31 of £20.3 million.

But shares in the construction and minerals company closed up 8.5p at 119p after Neville Simms, chief executive, insisted that the asset swap would not dilute profits this year. The company sugested that savings made from the integration of the minerals and construction businesses

acquired in the asset swap would amount to about £20 Mr Simms was also cautiously optimistic about the

company's outlook, aithough he admitted that recovery could be slow this year. He said: "The underlying

results suggest that the core businesses are moving in the right direction. We have got the strategy right and will spend this year consolidat-The company blamed the decline on a fall in profits from

its housebuilding division, which it has divested to

Wimpey, and £77 million in exceptional charges, which include a £49 million writeoff after the £65 million sale of Tarmac Brick and a £30 million contingency charge relating to a contract dispute with Elm Oil.

Operating profits on underlying businesses increased 28 per cent to £96 million, while overall turnover was flat at £2.5 billion. The heavy building materials businesses performed strongly with profits in the quarry products division rising by about a third to £63 million, while profits increased 30 per cent to £14.6

million in the building materials division. Tarmac America also increased profits 82 per cent to £15,3 million.

But the construction division suffered a 37 per cent fall in profits to £8.2 million. A 40 per cent decline in margins caused profits in the housing division to fall 38 per cent to £40.1 million. Mr Simms said that the construction order book was up about 5 per cent, at £1,5 billion.

The total dividend was unchanged at 5.5p, with a final dividend of 2.5p (2.5p).

### Head of Liberty resigns

LIBERTY, the stores and fabrics group, has parted company with Patrick Aus-ter, its chief executive (Sarah Bagnall writes). Mr Austen, 52, resigned last week. Denis Cassidy, chairman, said Mr Austen, who was on a three-year rolling contract. would receive compensation. He was paid £160,000 basic salary. Total remuneration was E192,000.

Liberty profits collapsed from £7.2 million in 1991 to a newly forecast £2.1 million in the year to January 27. (£3.6 million last time). Mr Austen has been replaced by Ian Thomson, a former executive director of Sears.

# Highland suffers over drop in whisky sales

By Alasdair Murray

HIGHLAND Distilleries, the whisky company, disclosed a 6 per cent fall in first-half profits to £22.2 million yesterday, but said that the global whisky market was showing signs of

recovery.
Highland blamed a drop in whisky sales combined with higher interest costs and a lower contribution from associated undertakings for the fall in profits. The UK market declined 6

But the company said that sales were ahead in the second half, while prices had been firming up. Highland, in common with other

whisky producers, recently raised the price on its core brand, Famous Grouse, by 2.5 per cent, Overall turnover dropped 4

per cent to E101.8 million. The Famous Grouse brand mainained its market share at 13 per cent in the UK, in spite of a 14 per cent fall in sales, while exports rose 6 per cent.

Highland said that it expected to make a 13 per cent increase in spending on marketing over the year to boost the market share of Famous Grouse.

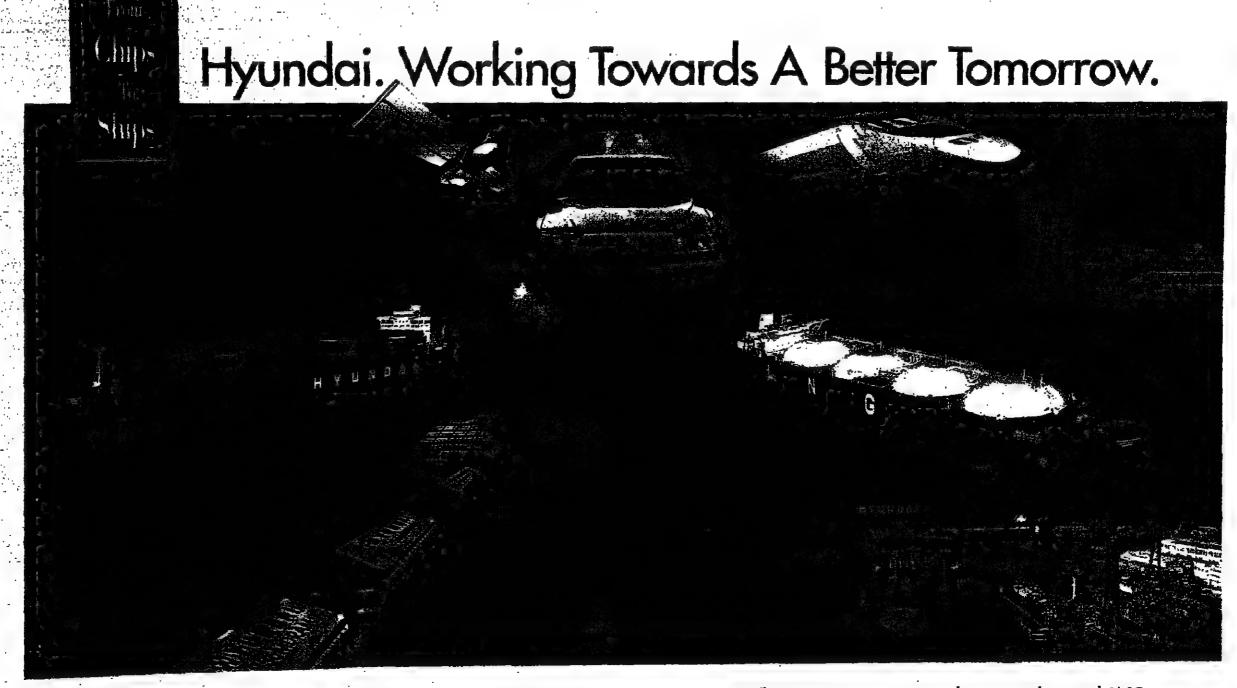
The company said that the launch of new brands, including Gloags gin and Black Bottle whisky, had been prom-

ising. Highland also an-nounced the launch of Famous Grouse Gold Reserve, a 12year-old whisky, to compete in the premium market. The single malt division

performed strongly, with sales rising 17 per cent, while the malt distilling division also increased sales by 31 per cent. However, contributions from associates declined 12 per cent to £5.8 million as

profits at Robertson and Baxter, the whisky producer, dropped 6 per cent to £31.2 million.

Shares in the company rose op to 352p. An interim dividend of 2p (1.9p) is payable on June 3.



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last year, the construction division still gives

Last year, the company made a profit of £3.2 million on a nurnover of £938 million.

Tarmac can now claim to have a broader spread of construction interests, with overseas

construction businesses now accounting for 28 per cent of turnover. But despite the

company's belief that the Private Finance

Initiative is beginning to take off, recent

figures suggest that the construction business

Tarmat's rebuilding programme has been

successful. But with the shares sitting on a

high forward earnings rating of around 13, it

must be remembered there is still work to be

# Thorn EMI shares soar on talk of bid by Sony

REVIVED talk of a bid from Sony, the Japanese electronics group, sent shares of soon-tobe-demerged Thorn EM1 soaring more than El as the speculators got the bit between their teeth.

By the close of business, the Thorn share price had climbed 140p to a record high of E18.43, with 2.5 million shares changing hands. The talk is of a bid from Sony of £23 a share, valuing the group at almost £10 billion. Earlier this year, Thorn EMI confirmed plans to split the business in two by demerging the music business. The demerger is scheduled to be completed by August.

Claims of a bid from Sony are not new. There have also been suggestions that Time Warner and MCA have taken a close look at the company. Nigel Reed, of Paribas Capital Markets, the broker, said: "A potential bidder might wish to strike before demerger." He says Thorn EMI is worth at least £23 a share and looks set to have achieved pre-tax profits of £595 million in the current year, compared with £271 million last time.

As one leading market-maker commented: "With that sort of price rise, there can be no smoke without fire."

The rest of the equity market continued to make headway, supported by a strong performance overnight on Wall Street and further gains among government securines. But towards the close, share prices showed signs of losing their momentum as the bank holiday drew nearer.

Investors were in no rush to open fresh positions, worried by the fact that New York remains open for business on Friday. Total turnover hit 922 million shares, swollen by a large number of bed and breakfast transactions designed to establish trading losses before the new tax year.

Orange, the mobile phone operator, rose 85 p to 234p as private investors were allowed to deal in the shares for the first time. By the close of business, almost 20 million shares had changed hands.

Trading in the shares among institutions began last week. but it was delayed for private investors until the outcome of the allocations was made known after the issue was ten times oversubscribed. Demand for Orange has also focused attention on Vodafone, which announced on Monday that its



David Phillips, of Dagenham Motors, saw shares accelerate

worldwide subscribers had exceeded three million for the first time. The shares added a further to to 2550.

The profit-takers moved in on BT, down 72p at 3752p. and Cable and Wireless, 9p off at 529p, after a statement from Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, late on Monday saying the Government had not given any

since died of lung cancer, or are suffering from the disease. The court ruled that the company knew of the harmful effects of the asbestos dust and ordered it to pay damages of £65,000 to June Hancock. Other claims are now expected to follow. Earlier this week, T&N was dented by news of a profits warning from Kobenschmidt, a German company

British Gas stood out among the leading shares with a rise of 7½p to 235½p as a total of 20.1 million shares changed hands. Traders reported heavy activity on the traded options markets as one broker gave for the call. Poor results, a spate of bad publicity and complaints has led to peristent talk of a bid in recent months.

approval in principle to a merger between the two.

T&N was an early casualty. touching 160p before reducing the deficit to 4p at 168p by the close after losing its appeal against a ruling over asbestos damages. The case goes back to the 1930s when children used to play in asbestos dust near the factor of JW Roberts at Armley in West Yorkshire. A number of them have either it has an option to buy. An upbeat meeting with brokers accompanying the figures lifted Highland Distilleries Sp to 352p. This was in spite of a dip in half-year pre-tax profits of £1.5 million to £22.2 million. Macallan Glenlivet, which reported better than expected figures on Monday. firmed

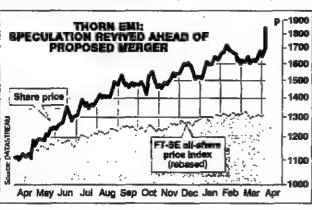
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Oasis Stores responded to better than expected profits news and a positive trading statment with a rise of 15p to 297p. The shares were floated in June last year at 148p.

But a profits warning left Liberty, the stores group, 3p off at 300p, after briefly touching 275p, in a thin market. Pretax profits for the year to January 27, will not be more than £2.1 million, compared with £3.6 million last time. To make matters worse, there will be no final dividend

In spite of returning to the black with profits of £811.000 last year, Gowrings has told investors that the crisis over mad-cow disease may hit short-term trading. A few years ago, Gowrings moved out of a disastrous venture in pizza restaurants and obtained a number of Burger King franchises. The shares finished 2p firmer at 88p.

Dagenham Motors responded to profit news with a ump of 10p to 1-16p. Peel Hunt, the broker, liked the figures, which it says were achieved in a difficult trading climate. It continues to recommend the shares to clients and says prospects for this year and next are not fully reflected in the price.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices recovered from a cautious start helped by firmer US Treasury Bonds. They were marked higher on the back of a downward revision of the fourth quarter GDP figures from 0.9 per cent to 0.5 per cent. In the futures pit, the June

series of the Long Gilt rose £1132 to £1055 in thin trading that saw investors reluctant to open fresh positions before Friday's US non-farm payroll numbers. Among conventional issues. Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was E's better at £102932. while at the long end, Treasury 8 per cent 2021 put on £716 to close at £971532. ■ NEW YORK: The Dow struggled higher at midday. drawing what strength it had from a rally in shares of IBM. The index was up 3.97 points

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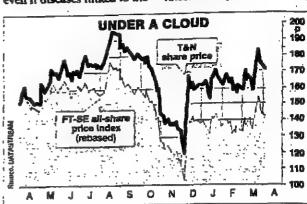
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### is still to come. While stock market felt less clear

about T&N's prospects. T&N's appeal hinged on the High Court judge's acceptance that before 1959 noone knew of the risks of lung disease from low exposures to asbestos dust. But the Appeal judges ruled that asbestos was known to be harmful from 1925 onwards

even if diseases linked to the

product had not been fully understood. T&N can only wait while the legal profession and potential claimants decide their next move. Meanwhile, the shares are likely to behave in the way they have done over the past decade despite T&N's statement that future claims are unlikely to have a significant financial impact.



### Thorn EMI

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asbestos factory.

LORD Hanson and his advisers can only look with envy at the rise from £12 to sterday's all time high of .42 since Thorn EMI realed its urge to demerge st July. By contrast Hanson ares have traded between Op and 100p since the cision to split the company into four was announced in

January. But at least Lord Hanson has not had to suffer the intense bid speculation that has driven Thorn EMI to such dizzy heights. Yesterday. Thorn shares rose \$1.40 to £18.42 because of rumours that Sony, the Japanese giant. was making a bid. Neither Thorn nor Sony would comment but analysts poured cold water on the

Any number of would be the market for EMI Music but as with other demergers the tax position favours an offer to EMI Music after the

demerger goes ahead rather than before. Thorn, meanwhile, says that the demerger plans remain on schedule.

In the meantime, shareholders should remain grateful to the demerger plan for drawing attention to the previously hidden value of EMI Music. As one of the top five music groups in the world, it is little wonder that EMI Music is attracting such interest. But just think how little it could have been bought for when Thorn EMI was a good old-fashioned sprawling conglomerate.

### Watts Blake

AS a business. Watts Blake Bearne is like the plastic clay it digs out of a hole in the ground in Devon - solid but unexciting. City interest was aroused three years ago when the exit of a big Lebacuriously half-hearted takeover bid from Sibelen of Belgium.

Sibeloo was left with 46.8

per cent of WBB. It has since lifted its holding to 48.6 per cent and seems intent on

gaining creeping control. But if WBB chief executive Graham Lawson reads the situation correctly, the formal passing of the 50 per cent level will be largely irrelevant. WBB will retain its quote, its management and its strategy.

Although Lawson has made fewer changes than some expected since he arrived from RTZ last year. WBB's prospects look sound. Growth in the demand for tiles, tableware and toilet bowls is largely dependent on rising standards of living. WBB recognises the consequent importance of establishing itself in the Pacific Region, and appears to be taking the right steps.

The company's shares have lagged the FT Actuaries Given the world leadership it enjoys in its specialist markets, they are reasonable

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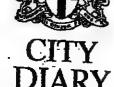
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### lies and teams at Liberty

IAN THOMSON had a difficult start to his first week in his new job as chief executive at Liberty. Monday was lengthy board meetings and get-ting his bearings in the rabbit warren, then he went home to Richmond to the news that Aberdeen, his favourite football team, had been thrashed by Celtic 5-0. Tuesday he came in wearing a "dowdy" tie, so had to be pulled aside and fitted with a Liberty's number.

Now chairman Denis Cassidy has made a wager with him that his team at Newcastle will beat Liverpool today. "I've got better aste in football teams and ties," boasts Cassidy,

### Humfrey's about

POLO-PLAYING Hugh Humfrey charges in as managing director of Fidelity Brokerage's new clearing business, which is based in London, this

Humirey, 40, who has moved from Fidelity's Investment Adviser Group in Surrey, is also warming up for the start of the polo season in a couple of

This is Humfrey's first season as a member of the Guards Polo Club, so he is making the most of the light evenings, exercising his four ponies and working on Fidelity's president.
"I keep making noises to the boss that sponsoring polo would be good for the



Humfrey: warming up

THE Salvation Army. once the victim of a £5.6 million fraud. is banding with the Midland Bank to issue its first cashcard. Customers of the Reliance Bank, wholly owned by the Sally Army since 1890, will be able to make withdrawals from any of Midland Bank's nationwide network of more than 2,300 cash machines.

TOP business executives

### All aboard

from across the world are working round the clock to ensure they make it first over the winning line at the inaugural Oxford versus Cambridge veterans boat race on Thursday. Andy Hall, the 45 year-old Oxonian and president of PhiBro, has flown over from the States for the big race. He has been on a strict diet and training programme for several mouths, and has been practising with the team in Pumey for a couple of hours every day. Hall is perfecting his stroke alongside serial rower Boris Rankov, and 42-yearold Stephen Plankett, deputy managing director of Yamaichi International and chums from the services. Tonight its the "psych-up pasta party", where, Hall says, "we have to keep the army types in

### Gone to the dogs

A COUP for Windsor, the Lloyd's broker, after a newspaper reported on April Fool's Day that the Queen had taken her first steps into cyberspace with her own web site on the Internet. Unknowingly. the article quoted the insurance company's own email address, and now its sports brokers are waiting with baied breath to give insurance quotes for professional corgi racing.

MORAG PRESTON



# Figures start to add up for a housing market recovery

his weekend the newspapers will be full of property advertisements showing young couples holding hands outside their dream homes. Estate agents and developers will not want to miss any chance of tempting potential housebuyers out of hibernation over the long Easter weekend, traditionally a high point of the buying season.

Their chances of success look better than at almost any time since the housing market started to plunge, if the figures can be believed. The latest hopeful sign of rising demand came earlier this week with the announcement from the Halifax, the largest lender, that prices had risen by 1.2 per cent between February and March and by 1.7 per cent year on year. The monthly rise is significantly higher than the 0.9 per cent recorded at the end of February. But more importantly, the monthly rise is the eighth in succession, adding weight to claims that there really is an upswing and the rises are not just a flash in the statistical pan. The Nationwide's monthly house

price index, published at the end of last week, showed no change between February and March but; according to the society, this obscures more optimistic trends. Philip Williamson, Nationwide's corporate development director, said: "We continue to believe that a sustained recovery in the market is underway aithough this may be moderate compared with past experience".

David Kern, NatWest's chief economist, added his voice to the chorus of cautious optimism. "Despite the lacklustre performance of the housing market in 1995, there is already tentative evidence to support the view that the outlook for 1996 is more favourable," he said. The prospect of rising real incomes, as employment starts to rise, lower taxes, cheap mortgage money and windfall gains for building society members getting merger payotis should all help to make borrowers feel

more optimistic, he believes. lan Shepherdson, housing analyst at HSBC, says the seeds of recovery were sown last summer when Chancellor Kenneth Clarke made it clear he would not raise interest rates. Some of the borrowers who had flinched at the prospect of taking on a big debt if interest rates were about to rise were reassured and decided to take advantage of cheap mortgage deals. This is now filtering through into rising Sara McConnell says the elements are

in place, only the confidence is needed

prices. Many people who have hesitated up until now will decide to take the plunge when they see prices rising, believing the market has hit rock bottom and they will gain nothing by waiting. Previously, buyers were hanging back hoping for more price falls.

Mr Shepherdson said: "This is a

turning point in the housing market. This is the eighth increase in prices and the size of the increase is rising. The rate of recovery is accelerating". He added that the signs were there that prices would rise by 2.3 per cent in the first three months of this year alone, more than the 2 per cent forecast for the whole year by the Halifax and Nat-West. Mr Shepherdson, a "bull" on the housing market, now predicts prices will rise by 6 per cent over the year, against his turn of the year prediction of 5 per cent. But how accurate will these predic-

tions turn out to be? This Easter at least, there is agreement among analysts that there have been several months of sustained recovery, albeit from a very low base, as the Nationwide points out. Anecdotally, estate agents in the high street front line report more viewings, more instructions and offers nearer to the asking price, although these vary substantially from area to area and between districts in the same area. There is general agreement that mortgage money is cheaper than at any time in the past 30 years, particularly because of all the special discounts and deals.

The Inland Revenue has helped over the past few weeks by making clear that cashbacks offered by lenders as an inducement to borrow will not be taxable. This gives borrowers a tax-free lump sum in some cases of several thousand pounds. Tax breaks announced in the last Budget will reach pay packets in May, and are expected to give a boost to the housing market. Base rates have been falling since 1991. pushing down mortgage rates. The Government says a low-interest, lowinflation economy is the best help the housing market could have. All these added together should fuel

a housing market recovery. But this is by no means certain, as analysts have learnt to their cost during the housing siump and would now be the first to admit. The Halifax for one came badly unstuck in 1994 when it predicted that prices would rise by 5 per cent over the year, then saw the market slump as higher taxes hit paypackets and the price of fixed-rate mortgages rose. This year it is playing a much more cautious game, committing itself only to reviewing its 2 per cent prediction if "the pattern of recent months is sustained". The Nationwide obviously does not



Rooms to view: Easter weekend is the traditional start of housebuying season

ket falls back, either. It senses a "strengthening of activity" compared with late 1995, but adds: "it needs to be emphasised that this is from an historically low base and that gains are far from spectacular". The main difficulty with analysing the housing market is that prospective buyers and sellers do not act logically. House buying is an emotional process, which is why the "feel-good" factor is so important. They may be told unemployment is falling, the mortgage market is one big bargain basement, prices are rising so they had better get in quickly. But if they personally are struggling or if they see other people struggling, they will not believe it.

The scars of negative equity and repossession run very deep. Many borrowers in difficulties feel betrayed by a government that they believe encouraged them into home ownership only to abandon them when the going go tough. According to the Council of Mortgage Lenders, nearly 1,000 people a week had their homes repossessed

No one knows how many people are trapped in negative equity with homes worth less than the value of their mortgage but most estimates put it at about one million. As prices rise, more people will come out of negative equity but some will still find themselves in neutral equity, where they have no spare equity to put down as a deposit on a new home or cover moving costs.
As Mr Shepherdson said: "The house price indices don't tell you about the homes which aren't saleable".

Those who have not bought, hesitate to take the plunge, fearing they could find themselves in a similar position if politics, economics or family situation turn against them. Even those who have equity in their homes find it difficult to accept a lower price when they sell than what they paid for it in the first place.

As one Birmingham estate agent said: "We still have people being silly about prices". Sellers may well pay less for the property they are moving to. But as a nation conditioned to think for decades in terms of continually rising prices. Britons react to lower offers ilmost as a personal insult. It has taken homeowners a long time

to get used to slump after the spectacular hoom of the 1980s. It could take them equally long to believe in a



HARRIS

# Thoughts of a Japanese civil servant

fastest growing this year? Not the US. according at least to the new HSBC world forecast; indeed, reports of a US revival may be premature. Not tearaway Britain, now slowed to a sticky crawl. though we might still make it in 1997. Still less, the EMU-haunted core EU economies. It is, as you will have guessed from the headline, Japan. Home demand there is at last responding to what may prove the last great exercise in Keynesian reflation this century. HSBC fore-sees 24 per cent growth this year and 3 per cent next; modest for Japan, but still well above the OECD average.
This is a consensus fore-

cast, and may indeed seem disappointingly tame to the British fund managers who have been banking on a great Nikkei recovery. They have one thing in common with HSBC, though: both assume that Japan will persist in the great yen-printing exercise that has

kept interrates, and the yen itself, at low both of the and of la-

How lucky they are, most Western commentators sigh, to be able to risk it. But Japan is not a Western country, and the question could look very different through Japanese eyes. That, at any rate, is the

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view put forward in a fascinating series of articles in the Japan Times by Isao Kubota, a senior official of the mighty (or once mighty?) Ministry of Finance, which used to be thought to be the hidden hand behind almost every move in the Japanese economy, and even in the stock market. These are not, mind you, MoF views, according to a disclaimer that appears with each of them; but one wonders. There is no precedent for a Japanese civil servant going public at all, let alone giving an almost monthly commentary. MoF's reputation took a battering during the recession, and it would hardly allow an official, even a senior one, to rock the boat now. No, these must be pretty close to the Ministry view. And it views the current state of affairs with distaste, if not yet with

"Despite the rosy fore-casts" Kubota wrote in a wake-up call on January 15, "1996 seems to be a year when tough decisions will have to be made on imporimplications." What worries him most, it seems clear, is debt. He points out that the official borrowing requirement of 4.2 per cent of GDP is well outside the Maastricht guidelines — a gross understatement, incidentally, spending from Post Office savings is added — and it offends Kubota as much as it would a Euro-crat. There whould be clear recognition that we have to live within our means. All items of expen-diture need to be scrutinised further." So if MoF has its way with the politicans, Japan may

join the rest of the developed world in fiscal rectitude - with the kind of results we have seen in Europe? That depends on yenprinting; but again Kubota

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> too low" sounds to me. from a man in his position. something like a scream. But is a retreat impossible because of the dangers of a strong yen? Not according to Kubota. A month later he is drawing attention to the rapidly declining Japanese trade surplus . deed, trumpeting it. He forecasts that the surplus, down 19.3 per cent in 1995, will decline still faster as Japan moves to the head of the OECD growth tables, and says that it is high time that international negotiators and investors

"It may be wrong to expect an appreciation of the yen because of the surplus ... there is no legitimate reason to ex-pand domestic demand for balance of payments rea-sons ... and there might be a need for a conscious Japanese effort to export long-term funds." In short, we don't need a new bubble, we do need foreign assets, and if you send money to inflate our market and our currency, we may send it back with mierest Unofficial, perhaps. In-

took some notice.

teresting, certainly.

### Christine Buckley on customer compensation

# Water firms under pressure

an Byatt, the water regula-tor, will spend his Easter L break putting the finishing touches to proposals for companies that cut supplies to customers to pay proper compensation. Those who have been banned from using hosepipes for three of the past five years, the seven million. customers who had water use regulator if a curbed under drought orders, and those who faced the threat of rota cuts and standpipes will be glad to hear it.

Under present arrangements, such people are not entitled to anything. Statutory inconvenience payments are made only for supply interrup of thousands tions exceeding 24 hours. Ofwat is expected to press the the North

Environment Department and the Welsh Office, which are responsible for changes to guaranteed standards, for a greater range of payments to cover matters such as hosepipe bans and low water pressure. The overhaul comes after an

Ofwat inquiry into last summer's drought. With reservoir levels currently low for the time of year, it seems likely that new compensation rights will be heavily taken up. The penalties on poor per-

forming companies will be

accompanied by tougher im-

plementation of the guaranteed standards. In particular, Mr Byatt indicated earlier this year that he would get tough on companies that claim severe weather prevented them meeting standards. Companies can use this de "standards operated by the fence, but the final decision electricity industry. However, hes with the

customer --Ofwat signalled its stricter attitude after burst pipes left hundreds of people in East without water over Christmas. and into the new · year.

Byatt: tougher stance Union leaders blamed job cuts for tardy repairs. Earlier

this month, the electricity reguiator took similar action when he ruled against Midlands Electricity's "severe weather" encuse in two sample complaints from customers. Stephen Littlechild also said the company had insufficient engineers to tackle repairs speedily. His ruling was

welcomed by consumers' groups and electricity consumers' committees are now calling for compensation payments for power cuts of less than 24 hours. No immediate change is expected to

a review of compensation issues is likely hefore the introduction of competition in household electricity in 1998. Then new entrants to electricity supply may find standards beefed up and widened. Water and electricity

companies have to conform to ten guaranteed standards, while

38 apply to gas. When Mr Byatt makes his case to Government it is expected that he will also try to lift payment levels. The one-day loss compensation rate of £10 for water compares poorly with £40 for electricity and £20 for gas. Such a move has been vigorously sought by consumers' groups. The Consumers Association believes there should be uniformity of payment across the utilities.

Consumers' campaigns to Ofwat before its submissions to the Government have been strengthened by the public outcry over water management last year. But smaller water companies are also fighting their corner hard, arguing that rigorous compensation demands coupled with a major supply problem could cripple cash resources. Electricity firms have voiced similar concerns.

Privately, many believe there will be some resistance to large-scale compensation over extremes of weather and that, in some cases, the blame may be passed down a chain. For example, a company needing to execute repairs in snowbound areas may press local authorities for more assistance in clearing routes.

Ofwat's move on compensation is likely to have a knockon effect on other utilities and increase pressure on companies to provide goodwill payments. Increasingly, companies are realising the PR value of paying before a gun is

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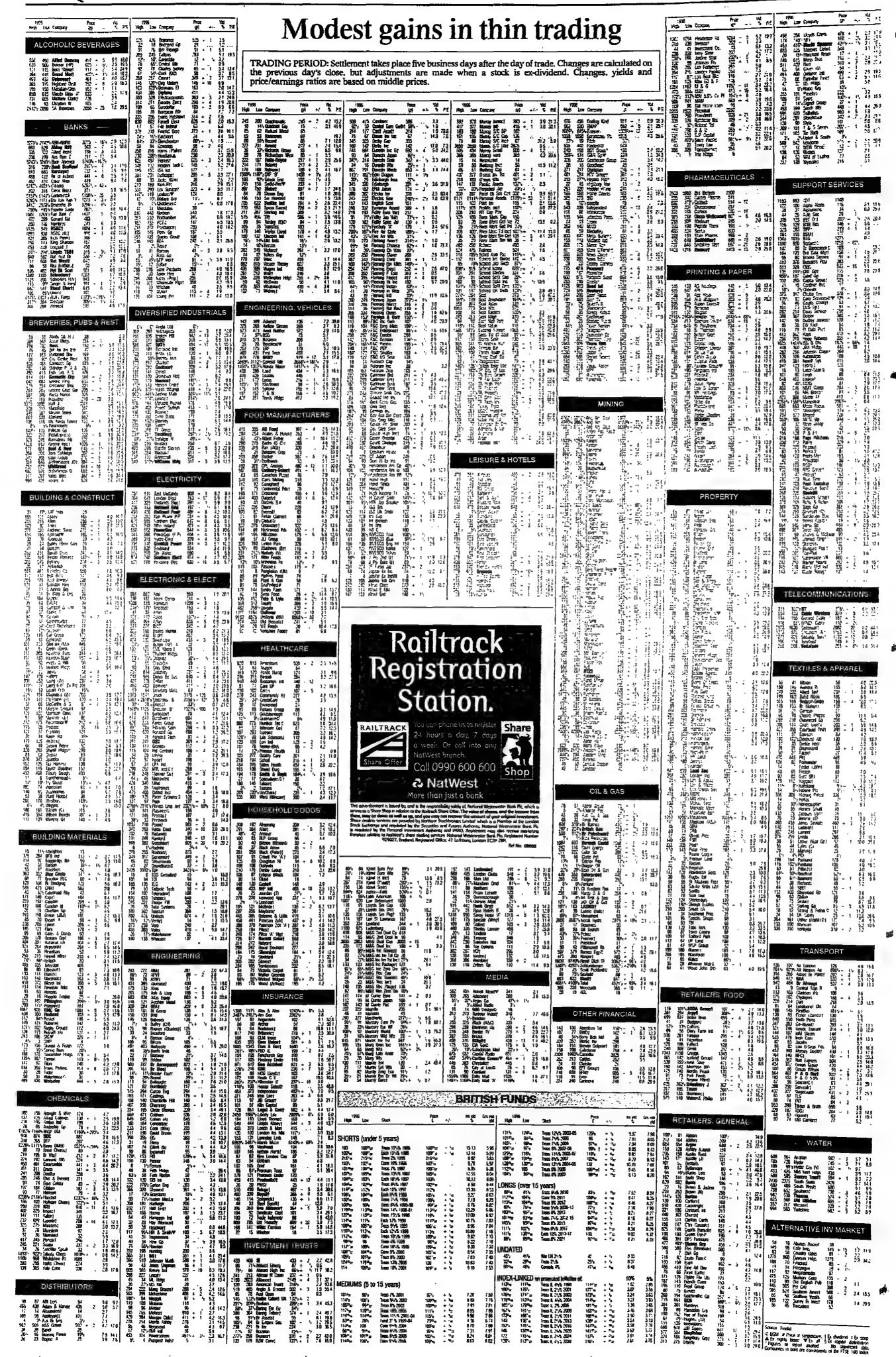
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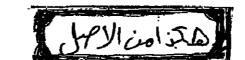
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WALKER GREENBANK, the wallcoverings and fabrics

company, said the current trading outlook is mixed,

Although trading in the UK has improved over the past six months, trade in northern Europe has been difficult and

North America was sluggish until the recent launch of a marketing initiative. The Far East remains buoyant and, on

In the 12 months to January 31, profits rose to £9.4 million

before tax, from £9.19 million, on turnover that advanced to £95.8 million, from £75 million. But earnings fell to 5.57p a

share, from 6.23p, reflecting the impact of last year's rights issue. The total dividend is lifted to 3.7p a share, from 3.6p, with a final 2.4p. The shares rose 2p to 93p.

PROFITS at Brooks Service Group, the textile rental and retail services company, rose to £1.1 million before tax in 1995 from £709,000 in the previous 12 months, in spite of a disappointing contribution from the retail division, which was adversely affected by the extended period of hot wanther

was adversely affected by the extended period of hot weather and sluggish consumer demand. The company is expanding its photography services in more outlets in an effort to lift

profits. Earnings rose to 6.04p a share, from 4.08p. There is a final dividend of 2p a share, lifting the total to 3p from 2.25p.

Halma acquires Keeler

HALMA, the manufacturer of security equipment and

fire detection systems, has acquired Keeler, which makes ophthalmic instruments used by surgeons and physicians, from Dollond & Aitchison for £7.1 million. In the year to November 25, Keeler earned profits of £1.07

million before tax on sales of £14.3 million. About 60 per

cent of sales are overseas and there is a wholly owned subsidiary in America. Halma has paid a further £1.4

million to acquire Keeler's principal office in Windsor.

James Halstead steady

JAMES HALSTEAD GROUP, the flooring products

supplier, said volumes in the United Kingdom were static in the half-year to the end of December, but exports rose a further 28 per cent. Margins in the core core marginal vinyl flooring business were assisted by some easing in raw

material costs. Interim pre-tax profits rose to £4.96 million from £4.74 million, while earnings increased to 10.88p a share, from 10.49p. The dividend is increased to 3.25p a share, compared with 3p.

Earnings were 2.7p a share, against losses of 7.7p. The total dividend is maintained at 1.5p a share, with an unchanged lp final. The shares rose lp to 56p.

**Innovations lifts payout** 

INNOVATIONS GROUP, the home shopping company for-merly known as Kleeneze Holdings, earned profits of £9.8 mil-lion in the 16 months to the end of December, including a net

VAT recovery of £4.8 million. The extended financial period reflects a change of financial year-end. In the 12 months to the end of December 1994 profits were £128,000. The company said

that latest profits from continuing operations were E1.7 million, compared with E1.2 million. The dividend is 2.5p a share,

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balance, the group expects another year of growth.

**Brooks Service up** 

# Hickson to wash off damage of soap wars

objectives," Mr Hann said.

£28.9 million.

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ford, West Yorkshire.

South African businesses,

raising £3.3 million after ex-

penses. In the United States a

management buyout bought

Hickson Specialties Inc for

£1.2 million. Hickson said that

the proceeds of all the sales will help to reduce group debt. Mr Hann said one more

disposal was likely this year, although he did not identify

which part of the group would be affected. A deal is expected

to be announced in the third

auarter. "The priority is get-

ting the level of debt down." he

HICKSON International, ate to achieve our strategic the troubled speciality chemicals company, faces another tough year as it attempts to rid itself of the damaging legacy of the socalled soap wars.

James Hann, the chairman, said that the restoration of "adequate profitability" was a priority, but this was unlikely to be apparent until the second half of 1996. Because of the seasonal structure of profits and cashflow, borrowings are expected to peak at about £100 million before the debt burden will begin to ease.

While there is no quickfix to the problems that have beset the company, a good start has been made. We are determined to succeed and will continue to monitor progress closely, taking any further action as appropri-

## **Expatriate** income lifts Bupa past £1bn

By ROBERT MILLER

A SURGE in expatriate business helped Bupa, the UK's largest private medi-cal health insurer, lift its annual premium income past El billion for the first

The non-profit making provident association yesterday announced an operating surplus from its trading activities for last year of £48.9 million, a 19 per cent increase on the previous year. Bupa's investment income and realised gains recovered from a £6.8 million loss in 1994 to a gain of £50.3 million last year. Surplus before tax was up L26 per cent to E99.2 million.

The relatively new venture into the dental cover market lost £4 million. compared with £3.5 millevel of loss had been expected. The hospital division recorded a 4.3 per cent increase in cases.

The rise in overseas premium income was boosted by a 13 per cent increase in business from Spain and a 21 per cent rise from Hong Kong. Peter Jacobs, Bupa's chief execu-tive, said: "In an increasingly competitive private medical health care market. Bupa broadly maintained its share whilst strengthening its financial position. There was a small increase in our personal sector membership, and a small decline in the some loss-making contracts."



Graham Lawson, chief executive, at Watts Blake Bearne's clay quarry in Kingsteignton, Devon

## Sibelco expected to increase WBB stake

By Paul Durman

WATTS Blake Bearne, the world's leading producer of the ball clays used in tiles and ceramics, expects its largest shareholder to lift its stake above 50 per cent in the next

year or so.

Sibelco, a Belgian company that produces sand for the glass industry, owns 48.6 per cent of WBB and, under City rules, will soon be able to buy another I per cent. This means Sibeleo should be able to gain majority ownership of WBB by the middle of next year.

Graham Lawson, chief executive, said he expected Sibelco to exercise its right to increase its shareholding. But he does not believe Sibelco will then seek to exert greater control over WBB. He said: Sibelco is a major industrial minerals company that understands the timescale of the business. I would not expect to see any change as long as we continue to perform. Sibelco has no history of planting its own Belgian nanagement into a business."

WBB yesterday reported a 13.8 per cent increase in 1995 re-tax profits to £11.3 million. Profits were held back by the cost of establishing its bushness in the Far East. Sales jumped 21.5 per cent to £104.9 million, helped by acquisi-tions in Germany and The Netherlands, the strong mark and demand from Italy and

A 10.8p final dividend lifts the total by 12.6 per cent to 15.2p a share. Earnings per share rose 13.6 per cent to 31.7p.

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# Scholl rules out new assault by rebels

By ERIC REGULY

SCHOLL, the footwear and personal healthcare group, said it did not expect a renewed assault from rebel shareholders in the wake of its improved financial results.

Analysts have downgraded UKAV Continuation Fund bought about 15 per cent of Scholl and called for it to be Hickson profit forecasts for the current year, with David Ingles, of HSBC James Capel. put on the auction block now expecting just £4 million before tax, compared with because it was under-performing. The move failed and the fund has cut its earlier expectations of £9 milholding to 5 per cent. Scholl lion, rising to £10 million in has since restructured, shut-

ting most of its unprofitable retail outlets, including all its Canadian stores. Scholl reported a pre-tax profit before exceptional items of £18.1 million in the year to

up 9.4 per cent.

December 31, up 24.8 per cent from the previous period. Earnings per share before exceptionals were 14p (10.4p). After exceptionals, they were 13p (4.1p loss). A final dividend of 4.2p is to be paid on May 13, making the total dividend 7p,

SHARES in United Friendly rose 32p yesterday after the life assurance group surprised the City with higher than expected profits of £128.2 million (1994: £32.3 million loss) for the year

to December 31, 1995. The figure includes realised and unrealised investment losses and gains for the year in accordance with new accounting rules. Without this, pre-tax profit was £54.7 million, compared with £47.6 million for 1994. The figure of £128.2 million included assets from the long term life fund worth £66.3 million (1994: £47 milwhich were

transfered to shareholders.
United Friendly has raised branch annual premium sales feli 10 per cent to £19.3 million,

### **United Friendly soars** GBE International, the process engineering company, returned to profit last year, earning £1.7 million before tax compared with losses of £5.4 million in 1994. The recovery was achieved in spite of a further £1 million write-off. Operating profits before exceptional items were £3.7 million, compared with losses of £1.4 million previously. to a surprise profit By Marianne Curphey

lion loss)

its provision for personal pen-sions mis-selling by \$6.1 mil-lion to £53.1 million. Ordinary and new industrial branch business fell 28 per cent to £9.1 million. Total dividend is up 24 per cent to 24.Sp.

### compared with 1.5p, an annualised increase of 25 per cent. Trafficmaster in the red

TRAFFICMASTER, the traffic information systems group whose chairman is Sir James McKinnon, incurred losses of of £2.48 million last year, compared with a deficit of £1.31 million, reflecting the heavy cost of product launches. Losses per share totalled 11.3p, compared with 6.5p. There is again no dividend. The company had sold more than 37,000 information systems to retailers and customers, compared with a subscriber base of fewer than 3,000 two years ago. The market for in-car systems continued to expand. Sir James said.

## Media buyer advances

CIA GROUP, Europe's second largest independent media buyer, saw gross billings rise 28 per cent to £904 million last year, mainly as a result of organic growth. New clients included Deutsche Telecom, Barilla. Olivetti, Calvin Klein and Lever Brothers. At the pre-tax level profits rose to £6.68 million from £5.35 million. Earnings were 7.65p a share, compared with 6.71p. A final dividend of 1.62p a share makes a total of 2.16p, an increase of 15 per cent. The shares rose 6p to 175p.

# Central banks' reservations ignored By Patricia Tehan, banking correspondent



George: wants problems addressed

THE European Monetary Institute consolidation measures will allow remains committed to the timetable for the introduction of a single European currency, despite massive reservations expressed by UK and continental European central bankers.

both privately and in pubic. In its annual report, published today, the EMI said: "Present economic difficulties do not provide a justification for postponing necessary consolidation measures."

Such measures, said the report, are essential to reduce the interest burden on outstanding public debt, to cope with long-term difficulties ralated to the ageing of the population and to ensure a satisfactory economic perfor-mance. Only the implementation of

public finances "to take advantage of the anticipated resurgence of growth so as to comply with a strict application of the convergence criteria on the

basis of 1997 figures", it said. According to the EMJ, "1996 will be of crucial importance in paving the way towards monetary union". Under the current timetable, full monetary union is planned for 1999.

Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, was first among Europe's central bank heads to cast doubt over whether the economic conditions in Europe Justified sticking with the current timetable when, in February last year, he gave warning of the dangers of moving too quickly to

monetary union. Mr George said last month that he has become more doubtful about moving to monetary union in 1999 until it could be seen how Europe's unemployment problems have been addressed.

Since Mr George first expressed doubt members of the Bundesbank Council have also shown reservations, as have other central bankers and politicians.

politicians.

Inflation in the European Union fell to an annualised rate of 2.7 per cent in February, the lowest level since January 1987, the EU's statistical office reported yesterday. Luxembourg achieved the best inflation performance with a l per cent rise in February. Greece was worst at 8.2 per cent.

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osses do not much care whether secretaries understand their business as long as they are efficient and accurate. Secretaries may still have to make private restaurant bookings for the boss but they will be encouraged to seek promotion if they show initiative.

The results of a survey by Queen's Business & Secretarial Colleges of what superiors want from their secretaries show that values placed on skills and capabilities are changing. But attitudes towards how a secretary should use them are altering more slowly.

The colleges compiled their data from 100 male and 100 female bosses. Janet Allom, the principal of Queen's Colleges, says that with more women becoming managers and graduates taking secretarial jobs to launch their careers, a survey was needed to see how the market had changed. "More and more of our students have degrees and only 3 per cent want a secretarial career long-term," she

### SKILLS

Only 9 per cent of bosses consider shorthand very important, whereas more than 80 per cent think computer skills are vital. More than 62 per cent said shorthand was not important.

Mei Sim Lai, a partner with Pridie Brewster, chartered accountants, believes that as the usual tasks lessen and technology advances, her secretary will deal with more clients. "There are now

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opportunities for secretaries to make things happen." she says.

### ATTRIBUTES

Bosses were asked to choose the three most important attributes of a secretary. In descending order. these were: efficiency and accuracy (76 per cent); showing initiative (50): confidentiality (42); computer

and office skills (31); flexibility (31): understanding the business (27): interpersonal skills (24); being a team player (13). Mrs Allom finds it

"slightly surprising" that only a quarter of bosses consider it important that their secretaries understand the business, but says the relationship shows signs of greater

Camilla Saunders, who worked her way to account manager with Green Moon public relations after training as a secretary, finds it extraordinary that a secretary's understanding of the business is not rated more highly. "You are supposed to be the right-hand man," she says. She has, though, noticed the relationship between boss and secretary easing and becoming more friendly.

 Louise Terry, public relations manager for Coca-Cola, says that her secretary would be more a hindrance than a help without selfmotivation. "I type most of my own letters while Rowan Crawford, my secretary, gets stuck into projects," she says, "and I'm keen for her to do more. She's a junior version of

> MALE SECRETARIES

Women are more open-minded about having a man as a secretary: 87 per cent said they would, compared with 47 per cent

Mrs Terry says

men would have more of a problem working for her than she would have employing one. "They look at it like nursing," she says. But she thinks that graduates who cannot find work are realising it is a good way of getting into a company.

PROMOTION

More than 90 per cent of basses surveyed would encourage secretaries who show ability to try for promotion. More men (14 per cent) than women (2 per cent) said they would not Nick Speed, a partner with

Warner Cranston, says the City law firm encourages those who show potential to qualify as para-legals. The opportunity is there if they want it," he says. Mr Speed rates efficiency above other attributes.

### TRAINING

Almost 70 per cent of the secretaries in the survey receive training directly relevant to their role, and almost 53 per cent receive training relevant to business generally. Most female bosses (81 per cent) would encourage training, against 56 of male bosses

Peter Day, of Rolfe & Nolan, a London software company, says that Angela Claisse, his secretary, becomes more valuable the more she learns. The more a secretary can do with the computer the more vital she will be."

Jane Glenister, who trained at Queen's and is now personnel manager for Linklaters & Paines, is glad to see bosses encouraging pro-gress. She says: "All the skills I use now I developed early in my career because I was given responsibility."

PERSONAL TASKS Some 78 per cent of bosses require their secretaries to carry out per-

sonal tasks for them occasionally. Charlotte Lockwood, who is training at Queen's, would be prepared to do personal tasks for her boss "depending on what and how often". She sees her training as a way to a career in advertising, marketing or PR, and is heartened by the survey results. "I definitely don't want a 9 to 5 job," she says.



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ing their first hit single with Sleep, a song which they originally released last year

How can the surroundings of St Paul's be turned from an eyesore into a sight for sore eyes? Marcus Binney reports

# Paternoster, which art sheer hell ...

Paul's present the most dismal setting for any great cathedral in Europe. Paternoster is a scandal. The office blocks are largely empty, the shops boarded up, and the only signs of life are a pub and a burger bar. The one healthy looking tenant is a Japanese bookshop.

Yet even now we hear the first murmurs that Lord Holford's 1960s precinct was really quite "sympathetic" in design. At this rate there soon may be calls to preserve it alongside the brutalist abomination of the Hayward Gallery.

The first need is to recognise ust how wrong Holford was. His big mistake was perceive St Paul's as a Re-naissance building rather than a Baroque one. He sought to surround it with the kind of paved piazza seen in Italjan Renaissance

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paintings. It might just have worked if the piazza was really vast, with all buildings set several hundred yards away from St Paul's. But in the City, that can never be

If Renaissance architecture is about harmony and balance, Baroque sets out to stun the eye. The best views of St Paul's are the partial ones, like that up Ludgate Hill, where only half the west front can be een. Canaletto caught the drama superbly, and it overwhelms to this day.

St Paul's is seen at its best from close to, its dome glimpsed along narrow streets and over rooftops. From any distance, its one awkward feature, the expanse of blank stone beneath the colonnade of the dome, becomes uncomfortably apparent.

At Paternoster, there ought to be a wonderful vista of the ful semi-circular portico framed between neighbouring buildings. Instead, Holford gives you a view as through a letter box, beneath an office

. The next mistake was to clad the surrounding buildings in Portland stone, to match the cathedral. The result of so much pale stone is to make St Paul's itself look bland. Baroque is about contrast and the deep plum and orange brick of the Chapter House, to the north, set off Wren's

masterpiece perfectly. Both John Simpson and Terry Farrell. who prepared the current, approved Paternoster plans, understood this. Through narrow pedestrian streets they offered the glimpses of the west towers, dome and transept that would have shown St Paul's off to

6 St Paul's is

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best advantage. their scheme is under attack from the very people who gave it permission: the City of London Corpora tion. Michael Cassidy, head of policy and remade clear his determination to kill off a classical

Paternoster. Farrell has been stood down as masterplanner by Mitsubishi, which is now the sole owner of the site. "I was never happy about it being an exclusively classical theme," Farrell says. Sir William Whitfield is now

reviewing the masterplan for Mitsubishi. If Whitfield recommends more than minor changes to the master plan or the individual buildings, new permissions will be required. In that case, a public inquiry becomes both desirable and inevitable - certainly so if John Gummer is still Environment Secretary. This would allow a wider and more fundamental review of priorities than the City Corporation will

ever encourage.

The first question is: why does St Paul's have to be surrounded and overlooked by offices? There is already an abundance of empty office ings which look on to St Paul's should be assigned to uses which bring people who will enjoy the view of the cathedral. The time has come when the



"There ought to be a wonderful vista of the north transept of St Paul's framed between neighbouring buildings. Instead, the view is as through a letter box"

be overridden. This does not necessarily mean sacrificing commercial interests. When I went to Japan, I found the Japanese wishing for a major hotel in the centre of the City of London where they could entertain and hold large

Hong Kong has hotels in the downtown business area. The Square Mile would positively gain from a hotel of the legendary quality of the Man-Peninsular.

As well as one main hotel (no high rise here, obviously), there should be some smaller ones. Hotel rooms looking south over St Paul's would

THE problem for any Texas blues

guitarist is to escape the enormous shadow cast by one of the Lone Star

state's most influential sons, the late

Junior Wells and Albert Collins, and a

liking for Freddie King and Elmore

James, seem to have been enough to

give him a niche of his own. With

Cold fire

missing

a spark

Jessica Williams

Purcell Room

EVERYBODY has been talk-

ing about Jessica Williams.

and with good reason. For one

thing, the American planist

has proved that you do not

necessarily have to be signed

to a major company in order

to achieve recognition. Corpo-

rate muscle is always useful,

of course, but the respect and

admiration of other musicians

It was a poetic moment

when Dave Brubeck contrib-

uted liner notes to Williams's

excellent trio album In The

Pocket, recorded for the Hep

label in 1993. Take Five was

the first jazz record she heard

as a teenager. A graduate of

the Peabody Conservatory in

Baltimore, she was given the

disc by her piano teacher, who

had heard her improvising on

Bearing in mind the many

personal problems she has

had, Williams more than de-

serves this belated acclaim.

Players of her fortysomething

generation are constantly

being overlooked in favour of

younger and more marketable

Rachmaninov.

goes a long way too.

musicians.

have one of the best outlooks in London. Visitors could sleep with open windows, as there is no traffic below. The main hotel drop-off

point could be at the side in Watling Street. The new owners could be the catalyst that also brings cafés and restaurants where people can sit out in front of the cathedral. More of such amenities would encourage visitors and tourists to linger in the area, explore the ous beautiful smaller

Any rethink of Paternoster must take account of the Dean and Chapter and other clergy living near by in Amen Court.

churches.

The new Bishop has taken the important step of deciding to move into the old Deanery. south of St Paul's.

A public inquiry would provide the opportunity to considwhether a residential element should be provided on site. In Berlin today, every single new urban block has to contain a residential element.

For Mitsubishi to obtain a new planning permission is likely to take the best part of inquiry. Current delays have already provoked one existing tenant, Charterhouse Bank, to seek permission to refurbish Sheldon House, overlooking St Paul's churchyard, and

extend it with a high-tech The fastest way to make

progress would be for Gummer to indicate - as he has done on other London sites that, given the importance of St Paul's, he will hold a public inquiry on any proposals and determine them himself.

The idea of an inquiry appals Cassidy: "We pushed through the permission for the Deutsche Bank in eight weeks street. Then we fought a law case on the issue, and that was done in a week," he says. Cassidy sees a window

opening up as major European banks and institutions is urging Mitsubishi to begin demolition right away, which must be good news. But if the new Paternoster is railroaded through the City, there is little likelihood that the surroundings of St Paul's

move headquarters to London.

half-a-million square feet at

Paternoster, even all the office

space on the site," he says. He

One institution could take

will be given the basic rethink that is needed. We will simply get a 14402 version of Hollord: tasteful modernism that shows a fundamental misunderstanding of the true quality of Wren's masterpiece and fails to bring the street life that

BLUES AND JAZZ: Chicago sound with a Texan twang; off-night for a new star; wall-to-wail sax

Like early Joy Division, Marion have been criticised for being overly serious and, despite the success of Sleep. they are too dark and intense to slip easily into the mainstream. After the band left the stage, the PA played Oasis's cover of Slade's Cum On Feel the Noise — Jaime Harding might be perversely satisfied that, on this occasion, the crowd were singing this song. rather than one of his own, as they made their way to the Tube station.

# Back on the cultural track

Europe" — the new Lille-Europe station, rising like a blister over the Eurostar lines, is the very visible evidence - it needs all the dignity it can get. And, if it is to secure the investment it seeks, it needs at least the standard signs of cultural life. Slowly, after an all-time see. It is largely sepialow II years ago, when the coloured, patiently timed. city withdrew

funding from the Opera du Nord. and closed its embarrassingly imposing opera house, it is reassembling

its reputation.

the Region Nord-Pas de Calais has consistently encouraged the growth of the Orchestre National de Lille, which was rescued by Jean-Claude Casadesus from the remnants of the broadcasting orchestra abandoned by Radio France in 1975. Under his continuing direction, it has become one of the best French orchestras.

The splendid collection of the Palais des Beaux Arts has been closed to the public for years but, thanks to the initiative of the same council that dismissed it, opera has returned to the opera house. The Opéra de Lille has gradually expanded its activities from one production in 1991 to four this year and has increased its subscription audience from 200 to almost 2,000. According to Ricardo Szwarcer. who as artistic director has laboriously developed the Opera de Lille out of virtually nothing, when he can regularly mount five productions in a season he will have achieved his ambition

for the company. The current Pelléas et Mélisande is a strategically

ow that Lille really placed all-or-nothing dem-is the crossroads of onstration of what Lille can do. Beautifully designed and subtly directed by Pier Alli, while it stretches the resources of the turn-ofthe century theatre and the part-time company to their limits, it is as truthful a production of this problematic work as anyone is likely to

unsensat-

sented and yet,

seeing eye pro-jected behind

it, is revealing. A hint of fol-

Pelléas et Mélisande. Lille

iage, of gothic Fortunately for the city, ion of strangely curvilinear architecture, most of it behind layers of gauze, is enough to set each scene in a precise yet poetically suggestive context.

Jean-Claude Casadesus's direction of the score is in much the same non-dogmatic, unaggressive spirit. Controlled and at the same time flexible in rhythm. dramatically assertive only at such climactic points as the death of Pelleas, it is played with much sensitivity to colour by the Orchestre National de Lille and idiomatically sung by a French cast promising enough to have encouraged Naxos to record the produc-

There are engaging per-formances from Mireille Delunsch as Mélisande and Gérard Théruel as Pelléas, a firm if undercharacterised Golaud in Armand Arapian and an authoritative Arkel in Gabriel Bacquier. If Pier'Alli were as imaginative in directing his singers as he is in concept and design, his production would be a full-scale success.

GERALD LARNER

# Lone star shooting from the hippest

Stevie Ray Vaughan. Bobby Mack, born in 1954, is almost an exact contemporary of Vaughan's. Indeed. when they met in Austin in the early telling, self-composed numbers such as Seventies, they used to hang out in the same bars and jam with the same But for Mack the experience of backing such artists as Buddy Guy.

simply offer old masters.

exposed. At her South Bank

recital - as on her new

Candid recording, Gratitude

her skeletal phrasing would

have benefited from a forceful

The evening still had its high points. The minimalist,

gospel-tinged Stonewall Blues

was given an exuberant read-

ing. Williams at one point

muffling the strings with her

fingers in order to create the

illusion that she was swap-

ping four-bar phrases with a

hass player. At their most inspired, her

right-hand runs have all the

clarity of a horn player's, while the asymmetrical pat-

terns evoke the quirkiness of

Thelonious Monk. Her choice

of material is always unpre-

dictable, skipping from I'm

Getting Sentimental Over

You to a strident Roland Kirk

melody. But the dominant

impression this time around

was of a musician searching

for fresh ideas and, for once,

coming up short. The compel-

ling cross-rhythms of her trio

sessions were missing and

even her distinctive blends of

harmonic shades seemed

CLIVE DAVIS

under-nourished.

rhythm section.

Don't Put No Headstone on My Grave

**Bobby Mack** 100 Club, WI

and The Ship's Going Down, from his

Texas crowd.

In fact, Chicago seems to be as much new album, Sugar All Night, given a tight, no-frills treatment by Mack, Mark Goodwin on keyboards, Kelly hit Can I Change My Mind? and a Donnelly on bass and Dan Frezek on relaxed Wang Dang Doodle, leading

from the rest of the

credentials.

### up to an all-the-plugs-pulled-out version of Elmore James's Talk to Me

As the 100 Club began to resemble a Texas roadhouse, Mack responded by playing the guitar behind his neck and then behind his back. If the night had been a little longer he'd have probably ended up by picking out tunes with his teeth. For an artist who has been named Texas Music Ambassador to the World by the Texas Senate (the title, says Mack, wowed them in Japan), he proved to have all the right

JOHN CLARKE

musicians. An improviser with an idiosyncratic sense of Coltrane's early 1960s classic. **Masters** structure, she is always pre-pared to take risks rather than at their But with risk comes the occasional failure. Her decision to focus more and more peak on solo performances means that any fleeting lapse of inspiration will be instantly

Ronnie Scott's

A SEPTET with a four-saxophone front line, the repertory band Roots exists, says the soprano player Nathan Davis, because of the historical thing - keeping the music alive. It happens outside jazz; baroque, romantic, classical music - all that music is still alive today because of repertory orchestras." The band. since its formation in 1991, has slowly expanded its repertoire from the basics - music written by or for the music's most famous saxophonists — to indude medley arrangements of pieces associated with same and originals by band mem-

With such a brief, it would be easy for Roots to relax into a sophisticated jamming band, endlessly grandstanding flagwavers such as Cottontail or to become drily academic, subordinating jazz's *raison d'être --* individual expression - to a desire to preserve the classics of the genre in musical aspic.

bers dedicated to same.

From their opening number, however

Impressions - it became clear that Roots have more than enough skill, commitment and unequivocal enthusiasm for the music to ensure that even familiar fare comes alive. Thus, after a bluesy solo packed with plaintively creamy high-register work from alto player Arthur Blythe, a warbling, melodic contribution from tenor/MD Benny Golson and a crisp, intelligent piano solo from Kirk Lightsey, the piece became an excursion into funkier territory, courtesy of tenor player

Chico Freeman.

Oliver Nelson's sweetly plangent Stolen Moments also proved a perfect vehicle for the band's trademark mix of formal arrangements - this one by Davis - and vigorous improvisation, the tune's careful four-horn theme-statement setting a mood of wistful earnestness which opened up easily and naturally into a bluesy lope for the soloists. Billie Holiday's Lover Man featured Davis exploring every nook and cranny of Ram Ramirez's famous tune with just the rhythm section of Lightsey, bassist Buster Wilhams and drummer Ed Thigpen. A Williams original. Toku-Du, a blues theme, pro-

vided a rousing climax. Featured alongside the British singer Ian Shaw, as they are for a two-week Frith Street residency, Roots are essential listening, seven masters at the summit of their craft.

CHRIS PARKER

### but was recently remixed to become the background music in Peugeot's latest television advert. Consequently, the Forum was full - although most of the crowd looked far too young and street-conscious to aspire to a French family car. Opening with the soaring Fallen Through, the first track on their recent LP. This World And Body, guitarist Phil Cunningham and Tony Grantham flanked the sides of the stage,

tween the four of them. Marion are a Macclesfieldbased band whose youth and

bassist Nick Gilbert stayed at

the back with drummer

Murad, while frontman Jaime

Marion Forum, NW5

image have linked them to Britpop but whose overall sound has more in common with the big rock bands of the Eighties, such as U2 and, less obviously, the Cure. They also have an impressive light show and the histrionics to go with that sound; Cunningham adopting a driving, arm-circling style, while the left-handed, less demonstrative Grantham provided the perfect complement. The band were at their most

impressive on songs like The Collector, a B side on their latest single, which featured a particularly manic performance from Harding, as he sashayed across the stage playing his harmonica. However, the songs that the crowd had been waiting for came at the end, when they played Toys for Boys, followed by the distinctive anthem of Sleep.

Just Harding and Grantham returned to the stage for the encore, Your Body Lies, the first slow ballad of the night. The rest of the band songs, which Harding seemed to sing more passionately than ever, and demonstrated the link between Marion, early U2 and Macclesfield's most famous sons, Joy Division.

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while in Richmond a brave attempt to revive a forgotten American drama falls flat

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burnating HAM Stephen Movacosich, the planest known for his Beethoven, conducts and is the solvest for the tunght's City of Binnington Symphony Orchestra concert. The programme also includes works by Wagner and Sibelius.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). 7 30pm (5)

HORNCHURCH: Compelling casting of Puer Stream. Addit Andersort and Luke Goss (half of Bros) as villars, combe and hero in the musical version of Ed Whod's Plan & Brown Quer Space, the 1956 sol-ti movie generally considered the worst picture ever made. All must hope they will improve on the tilm, but not no much Queen's, Billet Lane (01708 443333), Tue-Fn, Brom Apr 6, Bornt Apr 13 and Tue-Fn. Bpm: Apr 6, Bpm; Apr 13 and 20. 6pm and 9pm Until Apr 20.

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House full, returns only Seats at all prices

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MARY STUART: Superb playing by Anna Massey as Schiller's Wigin Queen; French actress Isabelle Huppen less at ease with the language as her rival. Hatterial (Lynullon), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Tonight, 7.30pm; Wed, 2.15 and 7.30pm, In rep.

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### CINEMA GUIDE

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at Greenwich, The Last Romantics

# Old literary tiffs induce snores

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The Last Romantics Greenwich

To say that The Last Romantics is the better of the two plays by Nigel Williams to have been staged in London in the past week is not to say a lot in its favour. After all, it would not seem difficult to write something with more content than Harry and Me, a frantic. repetitive farce. But I did wonder as I looked around, and realised that the man three places to my right was gently snoring, if the play was as interesting to Greenwich as it was to me, influenced as I once was by the real-life don at its centre.

That was F.R. Leavis, Reader in Eng Lit at Downing, Cambridge, in the 1950s and 1960s, and scourge of everything frivolous and escapist. Such was his cultish appeal to earnestly superior young men that we were happy to regard his less lovely qualities as virtues. So what if he sneered at good writers, lacked magnanimity, was bitter at what he saw as neglect by the university, and delivered his lectures in an adenoidal mumble? That only proved his integrity and affirmed his antiestablishment credentials.

Williams takes a more generous view of F.R. than I now do, down to allowing the actor playing him, Mark Kingston,



Mark Kingston as the Cambridge don, F.R. Leavis, up against students played by Ian Shaw and Tony Curran

an eloquence in the lecture hall. As he sees it, Leavis's humanity was under assault by a paranoid wife. Maggie Steed's twitching Queenie encouraged him to turn against his kindly mentor, Robert Langdon Lloyd's Quiller-Couch, and now incites him to reject the harmless Scot (Tony Curran) who comes for a tutorial and ends up halftransformed into haggis.

Many share this grim view of Queenie. And many of us feel, with Williams, that both she and Frank responded pretty inadequately to the political turmoil of the late 1960s. Their wincing elitism then seemed almost as dated as Quiller-Couch's hearty little-Englandism. Williams dramatises this by bringing a book-burning student radical (Ian Shaw) into their booklined living room. His iconoclasm is crude, but the embattled Leavises come across as aggressively feeble.

The play, first seen on BBC-2 in 1992, transfers only halfsuccessfully to the stage. Its switches of time and place are awkward, and neither Steed nor Kingston match the original Queenie and Frank, respectively a ferocious Sara Kestelman and a furtive,

stricken lan Holm. But the main question was raised by the snoozy man to my right. Why spend 150 minutes with an academic who nowadays cuts an even dimmer figure than Foucault or Derrida? Neither Williams nor his director, Matthew Francis, provides a compelling answer.

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

# Growing pains

Orange Tree, Richmond

not his best.

Now the same thing is happening again with the lowa-born Susan Glaspell (1876-1948), who co-founded the Provincetown Players with Eugene O'Neill. Though she went on to win a Pulitzer Prize for Alison's House in 1931, this is not the play being revived. Prizewinning plays cannot always

be trusted to possess lasting qualities but The Verge (1921) really possesses so few that the invitation to assess Glaspell's quality from it is bizarre. I admit that a play can be so demented in spirit, so turgid in its dialogue, that

after an hour or two I climb above impatience and relish the opaque nonsense. But this is just a method of reaching the end of the last act without breaking the furniture.

Claire is a moneyed horticulturalist and the latest plant she has bred, symbolically named Breath of Life, is about to flower. She is criticised or loopily encouraged by the three men in her life, and I in sorry to say these are Tom. Dick and Harry. Either she is unwilling to explain her obsession or Glaspell is unable to put this into words. Claire expects everyone to grasp her ambition intuitively but it certainly eluded me. It is not a matter of making better varieties, as her neglected daughter supposes; Claire scorns anything so banal. She wants to make a new plant, although this is what nurserymen do all the time. Why she should consider herself so special is never addressed

Isla Blair plays this madwoman with carefully intent stares and dramatic catches of the voice. I don't know what else she could have done, short of rejecting the role. Auriol Smith's direction, so effective in Rebellious Susan, cannot give sense to this visionary tosh. The audience behaved very well during the frequent references to "a gay world", "queer gaiety" and even, after reference to gay darts puncturing a mystic circle, "a queer light coming through the pricks".

JEREMY KINGSTON

# The earth move? No

Miss Julie Young Vic, SE1

CONVERGING on London are two different visions of Strindberg's classic. his claustrophobic drama about the night of destructive passion between Miss Julie and Jean, the lord's daughter and the footman. The Actors Touring Company is arriving at the Gate with a new translation by the interestingly crazed playwright Gregory Motton. A vampiric young lady stares fiercely from the ATC's adverts.

Meanwhile, the publicity shot for Polly Teale's production at the Young Vic. offers Susan Lynch in a clinch with John Hannah, his hand to her open mouth. This clearly suggests much steaminess plus something a wee bit nasty - like, say, smoothing with a compulsive dentist. However, it turns out to be the tiny cook who steals this show. Cara Kelly is superb as Kirstin, Jean's Scottish fiancée who refuses to be swept aside. Far stronger than her flighty mistress because she knows her place and sticks to it, Kelly is both funny and formidable.

Hannah also gives a strong performance. Although his Jean might be more savage, he is convincing, disapproving of Miss Julie's flirtatiousness but also attracted. Hannah suggests the man might be a romantic dreamer while giving glimpses of vengeful class bitterness.

Miss Julie's side. Lynch has striking looks but her imperiousness and vulnerability need sharper focus. Nor does she look comfortable lying around on Kirstin's kitchen table and, when it all turns sour, melodramatically wishing herself dead.

Polly Teale's production points up the fantastical in Strindberg's play. Meredith Oakes's translation pinpoints the ancestral pad as a castle. A strong flavour of fairy-tale surrounds Jean's story of how, as a boy, he crept into the gardens and was spellbound by the sight of Miss Julie as a girl, a

The staging also goes for bursts of expressionism. Forthrightly symbolic, Miss Julie stretches her hand from high above on steep stairs to the upper storeys (design by Robert Innes Hopkins). When Jean's resistance finally snaps, the lighting switches to a red wash. We witness the doomed couple engaging in choreographed lust. Unfortunately the stylised squirms just look embarrassingly fake. How was it for you? Unreal.

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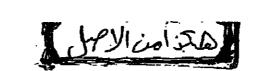
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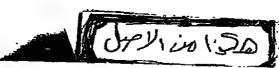
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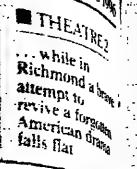
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MUSICALS

Doris Day as cuit figure? That is what a new London musical hopes to achieve



stage in recent years - Al

Jolson, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley are all jostling for attention in

the West End at this very moment -

that Doris Day's turn was bound to

come sooner or later. By no means

the most lavish spectacle of them all,

Definitely Doris - the Music of

Doris Day receives its world pre-

miere at the King's Head in North

For those who think of Day simply

as the winsome star of a clutch of lightweight comedies and musicals of

the 1950s, the notion of constructing an entire show around her career

might seem unusually cynical, even

by the standards of theatreland. Is

this the latest rounifestation of the

post-modern obsession with camp

London next week.

and kitsch? Should

we prepare to be regaled with deeply

ironic readings of Que Sera Sera or

cries of "Whipcrack-

away" aimed at the

leather-and-bond-

age fraternity? Prob-

ably not. The

creative team be-

hind Definitely Do-ris - led by

producer Gerald

Goehring - hopes

the postwar years.

Film Theatre staged a Day retrospec-

tive, with the explicit aim of erasing

her image as the anodyne Girl Next

Door. Under the mischievous banner

Move Over Preconceptions, the sea-

son highlighted her impressive per-

formances in Hitchcock's The Man

Who Knew Too Much and her portrayal of the torch singer and

gangster's moli Ruth Etting in the

None of this revisionism would

have even been necessary, it could be

argued, if Day had decided to take the role of Mrs Robinson in Mike

Nichola's classic satire The Gradu-

ate. The part was offered to her, but

she declined, and it was Anne

Bancroft's long, stockinged legs that

were to become emblems of the

herself made her last feature film not

long afterwards, appearing in With Six You Get Eggroll. In the decades

since then she has thrown herself into

a new vocation as an animal rights

campaigner.
Her life would provide ample

material for one of those over-ripe TV

mini-series. The performer who was

born Doris Kappelhoff in 1922 started

out as a dancer before taking up singing lessons to pass the time while

drama Love Me or Leave Me.

YOUNG ARTS

How a Greenwich theatre company gives primary schools a taste of drama — and moral philosophy

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A new stage show focuses on the songs, more than the troubles, of Doris Day. Clive Davis reports



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Daniele Gatti impresses at the Barbican with a spirited performance of Bruckner's Third



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pany is an oddity. The

company is run by dancers and it is they who commis-

sion choreographers to make work which involves

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Kate Gowar and Karin

Potisk turned out to be. In

1992 their company won

the Best Performers Award

at the important Bagnolet

competition with a work they had commissioned from Ben Craft and Gary

Lambert. This year Rico-

chet scores again at Bagnolet, Javier De Frutos

winning a choreography prize for his Ricochet

De Frutos's prizewinner.

E Muolo Disperato (And I

die in despair), was on

show as part of Ricochet's

Spring Loaded pro-gramme. Set to Act III of

Tosca, it has the advantage

of Puccini's impassioned

writing to set the blood

running. The five dancers,

men and women alike in

blood-red dresses, are driv-

en by the music into an

exhausting succession of

Ricochet

The Place

First is sex: a kiss be-

tween two men opens pro-

ceedings on a humorous

note: when two women

repeat the sequence later it

looks desperately serious. Then is death: the kiss of

love becomes the kiss-of-

life for fallen colleagues.

Eventually De Frutos's

choreography reaches the

point where sex and death

are inseparable. You can't tell one from the other, the

choreography seems to be

saying: that's the price of

Ricochet also presented

the London premiere of

potent theatrical images.

commission.

# Twinkle revealed

IN HIS short sojourn at the London Symphony Orchestra's Bruckner and Mozart series. Daniele Gatti, music director-elect of the Royal Philharmonic, is showing himself not only a natural Mozartian but an instinctive Brucknerian too. It has taken Gatti to prove that Bruckner's brass really can be at ease in the Barbican. And it is Gatti who has revealed Bruckner as a lord of the dance as well as of the organ loft.

In the trio of the Third Symphony's third movement, we at long last caught a glimpse of the twinkle in Bruckner's eye. Why so many conductors are reluctant to see it is a mystery; but, as this series has shown, there are fewer mysteries so impenetrable as those to do with the truly convincing realisation of these symphonies

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What did convince about Gatti's Bruckner was his abili-ty to pace all the "movements" within each movement as if they truly were part of an organic whole. Gatti's closeness to the human voice is very much a part of his understanding of the breathing of Bruckner's music. He listens to the lyrical shadow side of a phrase, and folds it into its brighter light so that rhythms resonate, and chordclimaxes glow.

Something of the same thinking had been at work in Mozart's Symphony No 40. Neither nervously fast nor portentously slow, this opening was tremulous with anticipation yet assured. The assertion and response of its classical form became a matter of dialogue and ensemble: the second movement became an arena for the play of musical figures of speech, patterns of graceful rhetoric.

tions and the contrapuntal writing in the finale could have showed sharper teeth; but this was not Gatti's way. With a finale whose opening notes sprung up as naturally as a bulb in spring, and with a sure sense of rhythmic poise and textural balance; there was hardly a need to labour

HILARY FINCH recovering from injuries sustained in

What will be, will be Doris erhaps it was inevitable. So a car crash. The first of several many entertainers have had husbands turned violent; many years their lives recycled on the

> er, squandered most of her fortune on ill-advised financial ventures. Not much of all this biographical detail appears to have survived in the final draft of Definitely Doris. An earlier version of the show opened off-Broadway in 1992 and starred the singer Patty Carver (who also appears in Definitely Doris, and co-wrote the book). Then playing under the title Day Dreams, the piece made great play of Day's troubled private life, a tactic Goehring now regards as a mistake. "People came away saying: 'All this stuff about her life is fine, but we're more interested in her singing.' Now we want to show how the music has affected people's lives over the years. How good a sing-er was Day in any case? Better than most of her hit aj-

bums suggested.

Having begun as a

band singer with Les Brown, she took

Ella Fitzgerald as

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she became a perenthat the show will help to re-establish nial star of the Columbia roster, Day's reputation as one of the although the over-cooked orchestral outstanding singers and actresses of settings often did her few favours. Her talent was never fully sup-As long ago as 1980 the National

pressed, though. One Columbia reissue. Show Time, finds her matched with Frank Sinatra's former arranger Axel Stordahl on an imposing set of Broadway standards. The fastidious Cole Porter was apparently much taken by her reading of I Love Paris. More recently, the leading American critic, Will Friedwald, has lavished praise on Day. She is, he believes, "the most underappreciated pop-singer of all time".

Friedwald is in good company. Tony Bennett and Rosemary Clooney are both honorary members of the International Doris Day Society, based in the unlikely location of Ambleside, in the Lake District. According to its head, Marryn Daye, Britain still leads the world in Dayworship, ahead of Australia, Japan

Daye, who publishes a quarterly newsletter about Day and has been co-ordinating the Columbia reissues. also acted as an adviser on Definitely Doris. His fellow society members will no doubt make their feelings plain about the show at their convention in Leeds next month.

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### The magical A the quayside. Several children run for their ship home. To turn back and free him would mean missing history tour the boat, the voyage back home and the chance to bring off a business deal with the slave's Greek masters. But if they leave him, he will return to hard labour in the silver

Actors and schoolchildren put their imaginations together to

pose and unravel a moral conundrum - while having fun

mines, and they will lose a possible negotiator for peace. The decision is theirs. Or ours. The tableau comes as the dénouement of a subtly powerful drama enacted in the hall of Marvels Lane Primary School, in Grove Park, southeast London. Three actors from Greenwich and Lewi-sham's Young People's The-atre (GYPT), in costume, are working with a class of 25 ten and eleven-year-olds in school It began, as all good stories

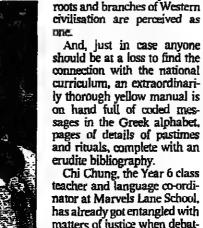
Persian slave groans on

do, with a journey. The sets and backdrop are painted in the children's minds: an eagle's-eye view of an island 2,500 years ago: the scent of oranges; the grey glow of an olive grove. The terror of a devastating storm. A sea-voyage to Athens to enlist help. We are in The Lap of the



Gods. The children are tugged this way and that, out of story into drama; from listening into involvement. They are distanced by tale-telling into reflection, catapulted by reaction and response into empathy and identification.

Through the forests and across the quicksands they go, finding the harbour. Markerposts become the masts of a ship, only to be transformed on disembarkation into the pillars of the city gates. DENZIL MICHEELANCE



plays were judged in the Greek theatre.

nator at Marvels Lane School, has already got entangled with matters of justice when debating with her charges how

Their own play, about Per-

seus and the Gorgon, created

from a term of improvisation and scriptwriting, will come under scrutiny during the school's summer Book Week.

from June 10 to 15. The

experiences of this morning

were something else, though.

At midday, the slave re-

mained in his shackles on the

quayside. The vote at Marvels Lane had gone against him.

"It was incredibly revealing." Chung says. "Some of the

kindest, most co-operative

girls in the class were shouting

for him to be tied up. They

went for the safe option. It was

the toughies — the lads who are normally reluctant to show

emotion - who stayed with

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him the longest."

Wayne McGregor's Urban Savage, a work for five dancers that explores the relationship between vulnerability and aggression. Their bodies (dressed by Ursula Bombshell in what looks like black cling film) seem to invite touch, even though it's not of the pleasurable variety. They reel from the im-

pact of the electronic sound collage, which runs the gamut from Baroque melodies to sploshes of water, by submissively subsiding into the floor, or violently contracting in pained reare thrown by an invisible punch, they kick out at their imagined attackers, they roll over seeking re-spite from the onslaught.

McGregor catches the pulse of dark alleyways: his is a cold wasteland where human compassion is the first casualty. Like the De Frutos, it's pretty strong stuff. Any company that has both McGregor and De Frutos in its repertoire must be doing something right.

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### THE TIMES SCREENWRITING COMPETITION 1995 Your chance to become a scriptwriter

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# Labels for the lounge

further march into our homes. After the forays of Ralph Lauren. Christian Lacroix, Calvin Klein, Caroline Charles. Kenzo and Versace into interiors, Roland Klein and highstreet clothes chain The Gap are expected to launch furniture and bed linen ranges later this year.

The Gap is keeping mum about its plans. But it will be can charge £140 for an ashtray following a route well mapped or £770 for a designer following a route well mapped by other designers, whose labels have

been spilling on to There is duvet covers, ashtrays, cups and money in saucers, rugs, cushions, towels homes, and blankets for the past decade.

just as in The forerunners of this colonisation fashion or were Pierre Cardin and Raiph Lauren. perfumes Lauren began ten years ago and his items for the home now account for about £329

nual £2.8 billion turnover. In Britain. Biba and Mary Quant were the first to expand the concept of fashion by stamping their names on a variety of furnishings, paint and bed linen. But their involvement was small-scale. Nowadays designers adopt a carefully thought-out, systematic approach to spreading their signature across an en-

million of the company's an-

tire range. Christian Lacroix launched his collection in February last year, and last October penned his Style d'aujourd'hui — a satire on interior design. The book is available to English buyers through the French publisher Gallimard.

Versace's shop in Bond Street, central London, began to stock a home collection

floor is now reserved for cushions and cups. Calvin Klein began designing for homes in September last year.

The reason for the trend's rapid development is simple economics: there is money in homes, just as there is in designer perfumes. And while the world of haute couture can be fickle in its financial rewards. Versace, for instance,

> tablecloth. Once the couture bandwagon began rolling, no designer could afford to be left behind. The sales philosophy is that the customer wants an all-embracing label which. expresses their lifestyle. So Calvin Klein purports to sell not

simply furnishings

and items for the

home but an "attitude": simplify, lighten up, think green, live well. "Style, or fashion, does not apply just to clothes," says Ralph Lauren. "The home is like an extra skin," agrees

Christian Lacroix. "There you can create and express yourself, reflect your personality on walls, furniture and fabrics." Unlikely as it may seem, the recession has given designers an additional incentive to branch into home furnishings. With a stagnant housing mar-

ket, people move less — every seven years instead of every five before the slump, figures show. Nesting, rather than investing, has gained in significance. Furthermore, clothing people's homes rather than their

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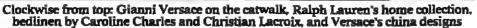
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signers are rather more inter-

esting. What I've seen of Calvin Klein's home collection

has been inspiring - it's out-

and-out modernist. Giorgio

Armani's home furnishing

But the new wave of de-

for designers. Klein's blankets and throws are made in the same factories as his sweaters. So is it worth buying designer furnishings? Some traditional interior designers advise caution. Tricia Guild,

chairman of the interior design company Designers Guild, says: "Just because someone is a brilliant fashion designer doesn't necessarily mean they will be a great interior designer.

Sir Terence Conran agrees.

range will no doubt be ex-

tremely elegant and stylish —

and expensive."

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# From great houses to country hotels

The sale of Peter de Savary's Tudor manor, Littlecote, signals the return to health of the historic house market

The market in historic hotels provide that We can't country house hotels. among the worst hit sectors of the property market. is witnessing a Phoenix-like

Estate agents report competition for large country houses which could convert into hotels. Last week, Littlecote Manor in Wiltshire was sold by Peter de Savary, the entrepreneur, to the Rank Organistion. The company plans to turn one of the nation's great Tudor houses, whose earliest guests included Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, into a hotel and museum. The price was not disclosed but is believed to

be about £7 million. George Rushton, managing director of Warner Holidays. part of the Rank group, said that planning permission had been granted six years ago and recently renewed to convert the house. The accompanying consent to turn the 112-acre estate into a golf course would not be taken up, and it would remain parkland.

Cliveden, the which runs the great National Trust house which has been home to three dukes and the Astor family since 1666, announced last week that it is to seek a listing on the London Stock Exchange. The Cliveden hotel achieved operating profits of £1.4 million on sales of £6.4 million to the end of October last vear.

Peter Caldwell, from Christie & Co, the main estate agents which deals in hotels. said: "The fact that a company like Cliveden is prepared to go for a listing at the moment shows how strong the market

Mr Caldwell said the revival in the country house hotel market reflected the success of hotels at the top end of the market. Occupancy rates, room rates and profits were all up. Mr Caldwell said, as the conference and weekendbreak market recovers.

"Consumers want something a little bit different. a little bit special. These historic

sell guesthouses. That market still hasn't recovered."

Changes to the Marriage Act, introduced last April. have meant that deluxe hotels have been able to make the most of the lucrative weddings market. More than 600 new venues have been granted

licences. Recent sales include that of Chilston Park, near Maidstone, Kent, and Eastwell Manor, near Ashford, Kent, which sold respectively for their 52 million and £1.75 million asking prices. Danesfield House, in Marlow, sold for "significantly" more

amassed by the Popham family during and after the Civil In 1986 Littlecote won the British Tourist Authority's "Come to Britain" award and, at its peak, attracted about 6,000 visitors a day. The theme park closed in December 1994, and the house was

put on the market last Septem-

ber. The weapons and armour

Walter Raleigh and Guy

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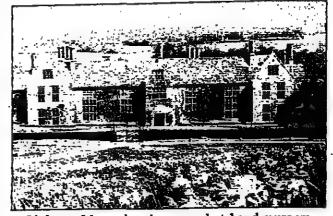
1984 by Mr de Savary, who

turned the estate into a theme

park with medieval jousting

tournaments and displays of

the armour and weapons



Littlecote Manor is to become a hotel and museum

than its £10 million asking price, according to the agents Knight Frank.

Prices are now some 20 per cent below their late 1980s peak. Derek Gammage, of Knight Frank's hotels department, confirmed the recovery and said that the recession had polarised the market. The very good hotels and potential hotels such as Littlecote and Stapleford Park, near Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire, are doing very well. There is unbelievable demand for these hotels. But it's a different story for more obscure houses in out

of the way places." Littlecote's most famous owner was Sir John Popham. the Lord Chief Justice who presided over the trials of Sir

were returned to their owner the Royal Armouries, which recently opened a museum in Leeds to house most of its collection from the Tower of

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Mr Rushton said yesterday that Rank was negotiating with the Royal Armouries to be allowed to display part of the Popham collection at

Mr de Savary, who denied last year that he was being forced to sell the house because of financial difficulties, said last year: "After II wonderful years at Littlecote I am delighted that Rank has acquired the estate. I wish them it every success."

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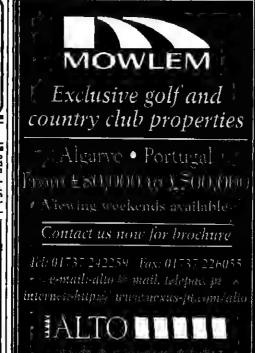
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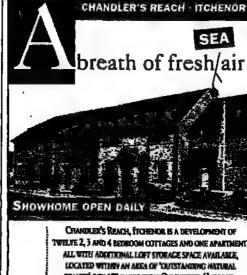
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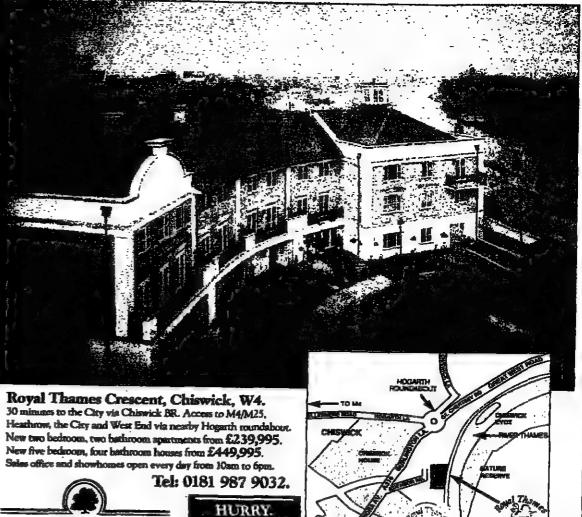
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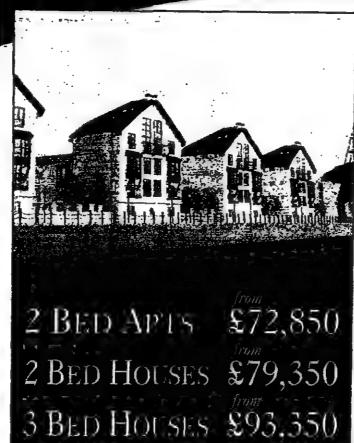
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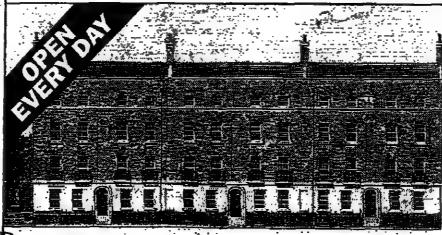
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# Darwin prize for youth evolution

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AS DARKNESS falls this afternoon, a promising young amateur golfer, perhaps not yet out of his teens, will take possession of a magnificent silver salver, two feet in diameter. He will have recorded the lowest score of the day at Rye, that jewel of a course in East Sussex, and thus will have won the first Bernard Darwin Youths' Salver, a new national 36-hole amateur competition for golfers aged under 21.

Our young hero will know a Vardon grip from an interlock-ing, a titanium shaft from a graphite, a two-piece ball from a tree-piece. But will he have any idea of the historical significance of what he holds in his hands? Will the name Darwin mean anything to him? If it does not. then an inscription on the salver itself should help him. It reads: To Bernard Darwin in affectionate gratitude for the happiness which he has given to thousands by his writings on Golf in The Times 1907-1953."

Darwin, The Times golf correspondent in those days before bylines, never needed to be identified. There was no other sportswriter - and few other writers - whose prose was as clean and correct as Darwin's, who once wrote an introduction to the Oxford Book of Quotations. He wrote mainly about golf, but also about Victorian England, Charles Dickens — on whom he was an authority and often those whimsical fourth leaders in The Times on a Saturday morning, pieces that were always identifiable by his habit of including obscure Dickensian references

Golf, though, which Darwin played well enough to have represented his country, was his love, and affeionados link his name inextricably with the Weish club, Aberdovey, It was to the mid-Wales town, where he spent so many childhood summers, that Darwin journeyed by train and wrote about it so vividly that it remains one of the best of all sporting essays. Aberdovey, he wrote, "is the course my heart loves most in all

Rye, however, a course he first came to know in the late nineteenth century and later came to know well because of the staging



John Bragg, a director, left, and John Bradley, a former secretary, in the grounds of the Dormy House Club in Rye

Christopher Gilbert, the Rye secretary, with the Darwin Salver

there of the Oxford and Cambridge Golfing Society's President's Putter competition, might he said to come a pretty close second. "Just as the beautiful little old town, with its red roofs and huddled houses and cobbled streets, perching on top of a clift, has a quality of its own, so has the golf." Darwin wrote of Rye in 1925, "It can never be a championship course — and personally I thank goodness for that because it lies on too narrow a strip of turf and is, therefore, no place for crowds, but it is a battlefield worthy of any champion."

Writing of the club where he was twice captain, he went on: "I know of no course on which it seems to blow so persistently across the player, never helping him or opposing him in a straightforward. open-hearted manner but harassing him by

In 1954, after the death of his wife. Darwin moved into the Dormy House Club just inside the Landgate in Rye. "The Dormy House Club had been formed in 1896 by sportsmen from London," John Bragg, a director, said. "The visitors' book is full of names like A.E.R.

Gilligan, G.O. Allen. Tom and John Blackwell. They would arrive from London on a Friday night, stay the weekend and play golf at Rye. In mid-winter, they would come rattling back to the club for tea by the fire, have a drink before going out for dinner and then come back and play slosh, a combination of billiards and snooker, whilst getting sloshed before sloping off to

By the time Darwin moved in, the club contained a number of

permanent residents, former diplomats, retired servicemen installed the leather-covered chair that belonged to his grandfather, Sir Charles, author of On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection, and made himself comfortable and happy as his life drew to a close. The famous chair now resides in the bar at Rye golf club.

"In the evenings at the Dormy [House] Darwin held court beside the splendid seventeenth-

century fireplace in the billiard room, and talked to a delighted audience about golf, cricket, his beloved Dickens and the plea-sure of late-Victorian England. an enjoyable account of which is to be found in his book, The World that Fred Made," John Bruce-Lockhart, a former chairman of the Dormy House Club, On Darwin's death, in 1961,

many of his possessions were left on display in the Dormy House Club and later sold, realising an appreciable sum. A portion has been spent on establishing the Darwin Salver, a happy suggestion made late last year by John Bradley, a former secretary, who knew of Darwin's interest in

The new owner of the Dormy House Club, which will revert to its original name of Tower House, intends to revive the building as a place to stay. She has located all the contents of the billiard room and they will be Darwin held forth after dinner. Then, perhaps, the wirmer of

the Darwin Salver will be able to immerse himself in the atmosphere that Darwin created 40

# Demon that pushes us over edge from bravery to madness

MIDWEEK VIEW

BARNES

temptation with a good angel muttering away in the other. It is not quite the same thing for a gamesplayer. You don't have a good angel; you have a sensible angel. No, says the sensible angel, it would be stupid to carry on. Irresponsible. Foolish. But, in the other ear, you hear the

demon whose name is Sport. His arguments, if they can be so dignified, are veccah, go on, go for it, it'll be all right, it'll be great, get back on, get stuck in . . . It is not a debate because the two sides

peak different languages. Oh, and the demon always, always wins. Everyone who has picked up a bat has been hit by a cricket ball, and everyone who has been hit by a cricket ball knows the galvanising effect of a blow, how the

demon rises up inside you, forces you to bat on. Often better than before. Next day, you are impressed, if not amazed, by the bruise. How did I carry on? Why did I carry on? I must have been mad. And the sensible angel adds, sadly: yup. ten out of ten.

A couple of years ago,

my horse fell from under me when galloping round too-tight corner on a slippery track. I got back on, of course, once I'd caught her. It was two hours before I realised that, in getting up, she had trodden on me, and I had a horseshoe-shaped bruise over

my kidneys. It bloody well hurt, too. I am not boasting, I am confessing, I was not brave, merely stupid. It is not a matter of courage, merely devilment. A form of madness. The FA Cup semi-finals last weekend were both decided by the demon of Sport. Terry Phelan, of Chelsea, suffered a terrible twang in the thigh muscle and bravely - madly - carried on, convinced he was all right. Before the njury. Chelsea were winning 1-0. "I'm fine, I'll do another ten minutes, boss." Before those ten minutes were up, Chelsea were a goal down and the game had gone. Gareth Southgate, of Aston Villa, damaged his knee against Liverpool. Bravely, madly, returning to the fray -"I'm all right, boss, don't worry" — just in time for a free kick to Liverpool, he at once lost the man he was marking. Unfortunately, the man in question was Robbie

Glerm Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, said afterwards: "You have to go by what

Fowler. He scored sublimely, and the

the player tells you. " Clearly you do not. There are clear physiological reasons for not doing so. A player in a big game responds to heightened situations by the secretion of adrenalin. This gives him added strength and speed - and makes him less responsive to pain.

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Pain is accompanied by the strange business of endorphins. The body produces a substance like morphine to allow you to deal with a crisis of injury: you feel something not far from euphoria. This comes out in one form as "runner's high", in another as addiction to exercise. It is a jolly useful response when you are

ighting for your life. But, in an FA Cup semi-final, you are not fighting for your life; it only feels that way. A player in such a match is not in a normal state of consciousness. He is not a fully rational being. In short, he is possessed by the demon

whose name is Sport. Tales of players who carry on in the face of horrendous injury are legion and they are respected and loved for doing so. Terry Butcher, head in a bandage and covered in blood, played on during England's World Cup qualifying match in Sweden in 1989 and became a national icon. Jean-Pierre Rives, the France rugby player, scarcely ever fin-ished a game without opening an artery.Such people become

emblems of courage but, in truth, their courage is not exceptional. It is accessible to everyone. When the demon rises up, we are all brave, at least for a while. Perhaps that is why we admire such courage, such madness, because it is common to us all.

But don't expect to get any sense out of people when they are in such an elevated state. A manager makes his decision whether or not to withdraw an injured player — based on his knowledge of the injured player and of the game. Hoddle gambled on the word of his man - and lost. Fair enough, but he cannot blame the player for misleading him. Naturally Phelan wanted to carry on and, naturally,

so did Southgate.

The fact of the matter is that sport is not a rational pursuit. In fact, many or even most people feel that the entire subject of sport lets them off rationality (you should see my postbag). Spectators are not rational amid the delights of competition. still less the managers and coaches and still less the players. Sport is a world of mad uncertainties, and the only sure victor is the demon.

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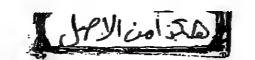
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level," he said.

acknowledged.

games, when Nicol was working in a mostly defensive

mode. "I don't know what it is

about this tournament, but I

just don't play well in it," Nicol

Johnson brought him down

on the very same court at the

Welsh Institute of Sport on

which Nicol unexpectedly de-

feated Jansher in the 1994

Leekes Classic to launch his

Confusion over the score at

5-3 in the fifth was settled.

unjustly, in Johnson's favour

but a burst ball a couple of

rallies later, which should

have been ruled a let, was

compensatingly called as a point to Nicol.

that helped Johnson to victory.
"The new ball was livelier and

allowed me to pick up rhythm

and pace just as Peter seemed

The win took the Kent player through to a second-

round match at the Cardiff

International Arena tomorrow

against Tony Hands, of Col-

chester, who yesterday defeat-

ed Ahmed Barada, the world

junior champion from Egypt 15-11, 15-13, 15-9 in a match

lasting 54 minutes.
With the England captain.

Chris Walker, through at the

expense of Gary Waite, of

Canada, in the same quarter

to tire." Johnson said.

It was the replacement ball

surge into the game's upper It seemed the national champion had worked his way out of trouble when Johnson picked up only nine points in the third and fourth games and allowed Nicol to

reach 11-6 in the fifth.

To rub sait into the wound.

PETER NICOL went down to

his fourth successive first-

round defeat in the British

Open squash championship

in Cardiff yesterday - this

latest reverse in the game's

premier event being the more painful because he is the

When Nicol, 22, from Inverurie, became the first

Scot to win the British nat-

ional title in January, follow-

ing a breakthrough victory in

the Super Series in the

Mahindra Challenge, he

seemed, as the fourth seed and

one of only three men in the

Open field to have defeated the

great Jansher Khan, to have

genuine prospects of complet-

ing a unique double — win-

aing both the closed and open sides in the same season.

Nicol: early departure

Paul Johnson, 23, the Eng-

land No 7 from Eltham, put

an end to all that by defeating

Nicol 15-13, 15-12, 3-15, 9-15,

15-13 in 96 minutes. In previ-

ous years Nicol had been

dismissed from the tourna-

ment by Zarak Jahan, Craig

Rowland and Julien Bonetat.

ters certainly seemed to weigh

heavily on the normally inci-

sive young Scot, although

Johnson's mental application and sometimes brilliant skills

should not be dismissed from

starter," Johnson said. He

won the British and European

junior titles in the closing days

of his eighteenth year, the last

in which he was eligible.

"I was always a bit of a late

the equation.

Memories of those encoun-

reigning British champion.

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can still prevail. He wins the

spades before exiting with a third club. The defence have to give him entry to dummy or a have taken their spades.

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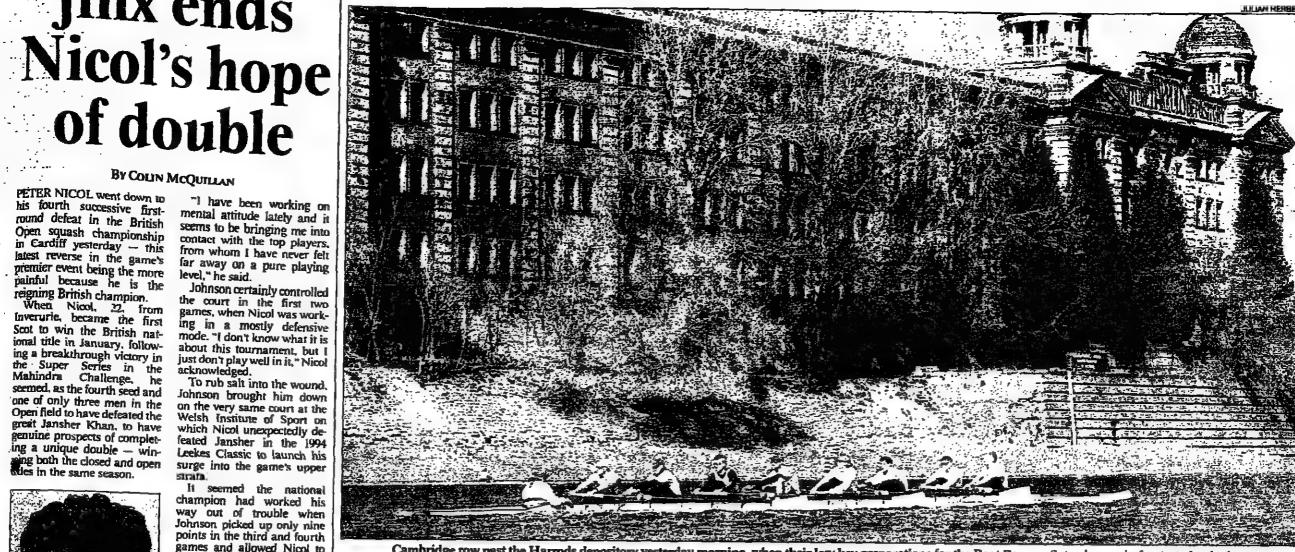
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c. A parchment cover PELLOCK a. A No. 6 gun shot b. A porpoise

Answers on page 42

# Busy Oxford continue to take pre-race honours



Cambridge row past the Harrods depository yesterday morning, when their low-key preparations for the Boat Race on Saturday again frustrated onlookers

By MIKE ROSEWELL ROWING CORRESPONDENT

CAMBRIDGE ploughed a lonely furrow yesterday while Oxford continued to take on all-comers in the build-up to the Boat Race on Saturday.

Cambridge spent their morning outing listening to the almost continuous instructions of Harry Mahon, their newly-arrived New Zealand finishing coach. They paddled to Chiswick Steps and back, never above 21 strokes per minute, once again frustrating onlookers who could achieve more length and quicker beginnings at a higher Cambridge did some pieces at a

higher rate in the afternoon, although not quite at race pace, but will "give their lungs a bit of a blow" gainst Goldie today, according to Robin Williams, their coach. Cambridge now look likely to take

on Oxford with just two full-blown preparatory races, against Imperial College and Noningham County. This does not bother Williams. don't have any worry about their ability to row flat-out," he said. Oxford have adopted the opposite

approach. Imperial College, Tyrian, London University and Leander's second eight have joined in their build-up, and they have also raced and won — the Reading Head.

Yesterday they took part in a series of short rows against their old Blues, a crew including six members of the British Olympic squad, including two world and Olympic champions. Oxford excelled, taking one length in a three-minute piece from Barnes Bridge to Chiswick Steps, and a quarter of a length in 15 minutes from Harrods to Fulham, with honours even in a last 30-stroke

station each time, but Oxford's racing spirit was impressive, and Adam Frost, the stroke, had his crew up at 47 off the starts. Off the water, the perennial ques-

tion of Cambridge's rowing bursaries rumbled on. The Oxford crew, posing for photographs outside their boathouse, seemed unconcerned. leaving comment to their coaches. Dan Topolski, the Oxford finishing coach, who recently sent out a letter to old Blues asking them to look out for potential Oxford oarsmen at their former schools or, as employers, to

during their Oxford studies, denied such actions amount to a bursary system. "It was a letter telling the old Blues what Cambridge are doing and what we are up against." he said. "It was asking for parsmen, not money.

Oxford insist that they do not want to introduce rowing bursaries. Steve Royle, their rowing director, said: "Our heads of colleges and admission tutors see the bursary issue as distasteful. We want to find a way around it without going down that road. The Boat Race is about students, not professional oarsmen.

TODAY'S OUTINGS: Cambridge 11:30, Ordoro

## Cameras trail Topolski's command performance John Goodbody on a film crew harbouring

thoughts of mutiny at Boat Race training

DAN TOPOLSKI'S 30-year obsessesion with the Boat Race has witnessed no incident more destructive even to his ocean of enthusiasm than oarsmen in 1987.

Anusterdam tie

Garry Kasparov and the Bul-

garian grandmaster Veselin

Topalov jointly dominated the

standings in the Euwe Memo-

rial tournament in Amster-

dam. They shared first prize

with 612 points out of nine.

Topalov may, indeed, be con-

sidered the moral victor since he defeated both Kasparov

and his world title challenger

from last year. Anand, in his

individual games against them. Nigel Short continued

his welcome return to form

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a5 Nb4

Qb6

with an excellent showing.

White: Garry Kasparov

Black: Boris Gelfand

Amsterdam, April 1996 Sicilian Delonce

1 e4 2 NB3

7 Nb3

8 0-0

9 Kh1

10 14

12 Bt3

13 g4 14 Bx44 15 No4

- Walker winning 15-10, 15-3. 14-15, 15-10 - and the England-He seems to have needed No l. Del Harris, likely to the catharsis of first writing a offer a severe challenge to Jansher, the holder, at the book and then collaborating in the film. True Blue, which quarter-final stage on Friday, is to be released in the England's chances have rarely autumn. Perhaps he has had seemed stronger at this stage to come to terms with the of the tournament. greatest controversy in the 141

races when his authority, as the most successful coach the event has seen, and that of the Oxford president, Donald Macdonald, were challenged by five Americans who disagreed with training methods and crew selection.

They refused to row. However. Topolski and Macdonaid, with a substitute eight, emerged triumphant Oxford, against all the odds. won an amazing victory. It was the only year when many

Cambridge graduates were supporting Oxford rather than their own university. Topolski's interest in film-

ing the book also derives from the fact that he is too astute a journalist not to recognise a story that could do for rowing what Chariots of Fire did for athletics. Running alongside preparations for the Beefester Gin Boat Race on Saturday is the filming of the dispute.
with Topolski working both
as director of coaching for
Oxford and as technical adviser for True Blue. He daily relives the experience of 1987 while simultaneously trying to end Cambridge's recent run

of success. Patrick Robinson, co-author of the book with Topolski, had always en-

thused about the drama of the event, but after innumerable producers had discussed the project and five scripts had en written, it took eight years for filming to start. It is being directed at a cost of almost £4 million by Ferdie Fairfax, who was responsible for the BBC Television series The Choir. Topoiski accepts that the film is not a documentary, although "it is pretty true

"My role in the making of the film is to help to convey the authentic feel of rowing. how oarsmen talk and react, the dynamic of rowing. I do stick my nose in a bit. I want people in the sport to say: 'Yes. that is how it is'."

to what happened".

He has been delighted with how the actors reacted to six

a day, before filming started. They have bonded together like a rowing crew. One day when we were filming at Radley, there was a warmth and confidence about them on the water. I said to them: 'You look wonderful'. It is uncanny for Topolski

portraying the Oxford coach. The pair look remarkably similar. Leysen. a Belgian who lives in Amsterdam, was initially "scared" that Topolski would be on the set. Most of the people that I have acted in films have been dead, However, Dan has been a great help," he said. Before Leysen started film-

ing he knew nothing of the traditions of the Boat Race. nor its place in British sporting lore. "However, I have now become increasingly interested in rowing. It grows. It



Topolski: obsession

Leysen added: "The film goes to the elementary things in rowing, especially at the end when his [Topolski's] squad seems condemned to instinct, his feeling for the river and is ultimately victorious."

# KEENE on CHESS BY RAYMOND KEENE 17 NIS CHESS CORRESPONDENT 18 gd5 19 Rg1+ 20 Od2

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34 Ol6+

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT In general if you have 25 points in high cards between two hands

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

there will be a reasonable play for 3NT. However, if you can judge that the hands are misfitting it may be prudent to stop short. This hand is from this year's BBL Premier League. Dealer South

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Contract: 2NT by South, Lead: jack of spec

If you look at the North-South cards, 3NT is not much of a contract. On a spade lead it needs spades 4-3, clubs 3-3 and the king of hearts onside. The way Senior and I managed to stay out of it was when I made a conservative bid of 2NT over Two Clubs. Then Senior made a well-judged pass; seven points when I had announced 18 or 19 would normally be enough for a raise, but Senior could see I was likely to have a singleton diamond, and as he had no club filler the hand was

not likely to play well. At the other table the contract was 3NT. Declarer ducked the opening lead of the jack of spades; best now is a diamond switch, but declarer

diamond, takes a heart finesse and ducks a club. Most testing is for the defence to return clubs, but declarer cashes his third trick in hearts after they

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WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene Black to play. This position is from the game Nimzowitsch

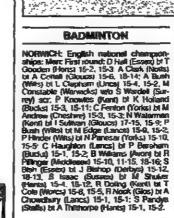
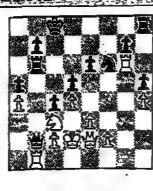


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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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- Alekhine, Vilna 1912. Black seems to be in trouble as his queen is attacked and when it moves away the rook on bo will be loose. Does Black have anything better than reconciling himself to 1 ... Qxbl? Solution on page 42



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Singer Cup Sri Lanka v Pakistan SINGAPORE (Palustan won toss) Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 31 pure SRI LANKA

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HILTON HEAD, South Carolina: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: M Maleevs (Bul) to L Raymond 6-2, 7-6. B Poutus (Augitra) to N Tauchat (Fr) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; M Hinges (Switz) by Y Basuki (Indo) 6-3, 6-2



# Hughes may serve fourth ban of troubled season

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

OFF a football pitch, Mark Hughes is softly spoken, family orientated and regarded by many as a thoroughly decent man. On it, he becomes a niggly, persistent offender forever hovering on the brink of misdemeanour. Today, he faces the Football Association (FA), and is likely to receive further advice as to his future

Hughes, 32, the Chelsea forward, has been booked 14 times this season, sent off once and accrued 45 disciplinary points. He has served three terms of suspension, totalling seven matches, and is likely to receive another spell on the sidelines. He could also be

A new ban would start on Saturday, ruling him out of Chelsea's FA Carling Premier-ship matches over the Easter period against Aston Villa and Bolton Wanderers. An FA spokesman said yesterday: "He will have the chance to

explain why he has been booked so much." Chelsea can ill afford to lose

Hughes, who joined them for £1.5 million from Manchester United last summer. Their possible routes to European qualification are disappearing fast. On Sunday they lost 2-1 to United in the FA Cup semi-finals, and a poor run of only one victory in their past seven Carling Premiership



# Turks ready to dig deep for Dalglish

BY DAVID MADDOCK

KENNY DALGLISH began a two-week holiday in Florida on Saturday. On his return, however, his leisurely pace will be disrupted by the news that Besiktas are willing to offer him at least £500.000 a year to be their manager. The director of football at Blackburn Rovers will also learn that his employer is not overjoyed

Jack Walker, the Blackburn owner, suggested strongly yesterday that Dalglish will be refused leave to talk to the Turkish club. He has, he said, worked hard to create a structure at Ewood Park in which Dalglish is an intrinsic part. "Kenny is not leaving this club." Walker said. "He is an important part of the future

Suleyman Seba, the Besiktas president, thinks otherwise. He confirmed his and explained that a formul approach would follow when Dalglish returns. His club, he said, has the financial muscle to tempt the most reluctant of

We had a very successful English manager here at the club for six years, in Gordon Milne, and we asked him to recommend to us the best manager in England. He said

it was Kenny Dalglish, and he is the man we want. We will be in a position to offer him a very attractive package, because we want the best."

Seba said. Dalglish is unlikely to accept, but the Istanbul side, third in the Turkish league and a former club of Les Ferdinand, will make their approach nonetheless. "We will make our offer and wait to

see his reaction," Seba added. Scott Hiley, the Manchester City full back, learnt yesterday that he has fractured his ankle in three places and will miss the rest of his club's programme as they attempt to remain in the FA Carling Premiership. It was, he said, a devastating setback, tempered only by one stroke of good

"The doctor has told me that I must keep a plaster cast on until the end of May," he said. "It's a terrible blow - I can't believe my bad luck because I had only just got into the side. But at least I had signed a three-year contract with City two days before 1 picked up the injury."

Hiley had been on an extended loan from Birmingham City and had not been due to discuss a contract until the end of the season.

matches has damaged their chances of a league finish sufficiently high to gain a Uefa

Last season. Ian Wright, the Arsenal forward, was sus-pended for four games and fined £1,000 after breaching the third level of the disciplinary structure, although he did it a month earlier than Hughes, Mark Ford, the Leeds United midfield player, was also due to appear before the FA today, for reaching 45 points, but is involved in his club's match against South-ampton. His case will be dealt

with by letter. Mick Harford, the Wimbledon forward, will also be at the FA to explain his part in an incident during the FA Cup quarter-final against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, which was drawn 2-2, early last month. Harford had a verbal exchange with Glenn Hoddle. the Chelsen manager, and allegedly gesticulated at supporters when he was substituted. Paul Danson, the reserve official, reported only the lat-

Manchester United said yesterday that they had al-ready shut the Old Trafford doors on their supporters who appeared on the FA's blacklist of people who had sold FA Cup Final tickets for profit last season. Thirteen of the 36 people named on the list, which was published on Monday, were connected to the Lancashire club.

"We were made aware of these people immediately after the final and took the necessary action to withdraw whatever facilities they had with United," Ken Merrett, the United secretary, said. "Anyone who was a season ticket or league match ticket holder had this withdrawn and those who were in our membership scheme had their membership cancelled.

Merrett claimed that many of the listed supporters had allowed their tickets to go to a third party, who had then sold them on for a profit.

One £17 ticket for the final, which United lost to Everton. was sold for what is believed to be a record sum of foll) and a £30 seat fetched £450. The FA's punishment was to ban the offenders from receiving Cup Final tickets for up to 20

Last year's final was the first at which new laws existed to combat the touts, with fines of up to £5,000 available, but the Home Office has yet to publish prosecution and convic-

Walter McCarty embraces his teammates, Ron Mercer and Derek Anderson, after Kentucky had won the United States college basketball title in East Rutherford on Monday night. The 76-67 victory over Syracuse at the

Meadowlands gave Kentucky their first championship for 18 years and their sixth in all. For Nick Pitino. the Kentucky coach, the title represents the climax of seven years' work with the college. When he was signed. Pitino glory. The university is what we're all about," he said, "but this team belongs

# Barbarians make first visit to Japan

BY DAVID HANDS **EUGBY COBILESPONDENT** 

TRADITIONAL tours may be things of rugby union's past but they are proudly upheld by the Barbarians who, next visit to Japan. They have already received the enthusiastic support of such players as Bath's Jeremy Guscott and Jonathan Callard for the twomatch visit in aid of the Kobe earthquake appeal.

The Barbarians, who play Cardiff on Saturday, will meet Kobe Steel — whose head office was devastated by the earthquake early last year -

on June 2 and then an invitaright knee during the tion XV in Kyoto on June 5. tournament. Next season, when clubs Tours to the southern hemisphere by both Scotland and

and countries have drawn up their contract for players, the question of compensation over such injuries as this must be resolved. Hopley will miss his One player unlikely to be club's final month of league fixtures, though he was gratified at the resolve which carried England through to the semi-finals in Hong Kong. where he will hope to be involved next year in the defence of the World Cup

sevens title. England hope to give their squad better preparation next

season for the World Cup,

pools of three teams each, with 64 countries seeking qualificaholders may be forced to look

which will be played in eight

elsewhere. tussle to bring Frano Botica, the former All Black interna-

tion. But, if the established tournaments in Dubai next November and Punta del Este next January are to be used as

☐ Orrell and Moseley are in a tional, back to rugby union. Moseley said yesterday that the Castleford rugby league player had agreed to join them, but then Orrell came in with a better offer and Botica IN SPIET

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## Towers go for Royal finish to campaign

AS FORMALITIES go, there can be no greater one than when London Towers go into their match against Hemel Hempstead Royals at Wembley Court tonight expecting the victory which would give them their first Budweiser League baskethall title (Nicho-

las Harling writes).
Towers, who have already captured the 7-Up Trophy and the National Cup, meet the league's bottom club, who have already lost this season's two corresponding fixtures by margins of 29 points and 14.

Although a London victory tonight would take them to the same 60-point mark that the defending champions. Shef-field Sharks, can still reach. assuming they also win to-night against Doncaster Pan-thers, London would take the title because they have beaten the Sharks in two of their three league games this season.

### Flying start

title-holder, comfortably booked his place in the last 32 of the British Open in Plymouth with a 5-1 first-round victory over Jamie Burnett yesterday. Rounte O'Sullivan, the runner-up last year, eased past Oliver King 5-2 and Ken Doherty beat Barry Pinches

John Parrott recovered from the loss of the first two frames to beat Mark Rowing, of Doncaster, 5-3 and Peter Ebdon won 5-3 against Pat Horne, a Belgian-based Liverpudlian who is ranked No 221 in the world, after trailing 3-2.

### Aiming high

Shooting: Ken Chard, a Devon gunsmith, leads the Great Britain target rifle team to the West Indies today on a sixmatch tour that includes the Benson and Hedges tournament and centennial matches

ITI Jamaica.
TEAM: Great Britairc K Cherd (Devon) (Mobyreus; (Surray), P. Jacques (Sialfs), Carpartise (Devon), L. Brister (Sussen), J. Deltas (London), Henderson (Berkel), P. Johnson (Henderson (Berkel), P. Johnson (Henderson (Beds), A van Koelsveld (London), Neubold (Stafis), L. Orpen-Smelle (Peak), A Tucke

### Snow shines

Real tennis: Julian Snow, the world No I amateur, of Great Britain, and Sam Howe, the the veteran American, won the teur doubles championship by beating Nigel Pendrigh and James Acheson-Gray, the No 2 seeds, 6-0, 5-6, 6-5, 6-4 at Moreton Morreli.

# Smith steps up

Cricket: Robin Smith, the England batsman, has been appointed the vice-captain of Hampshire.

THE TIMES

# Save £35 on tickets to see the Broncos

THE London Super League rugby

season kicks off with its first home game tomorrow against Paris Saint German. The Times is offering readers the opportunity to buy a season ticket for the Broncos' home games for £75, saving £35 off the normal season ticket price of £110. You can be in at the beginning of this exciting sport which is taking off in a big way, led by the London Broncos who won their first game against Halifax last week. The Broncos' ground at Charlton Athletic football club's ground, The Valley, in southeast London, is easy to get to and besides being a fast sport all the family can enjoy, Super League rugby provides entertainment before the kick-off and at half-time.

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See forward Darren Shaw, above, in action tomorrow.

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# Paris hope Tongan will pack a punch

By Christopher Irvine

PARIS Saint-Germain's cosmopolitan rugby league squad has been augmented by Kava Utoikamanu, the Tongan prop forward, for the Stones Super League encounter with London Broncos at The Valley, Charlton, tomorrow. Utoikamanu, a former pro-

fessional boxer in the United States and a formidable 6ft 5in and 1812 stone, represented Tonga in the World Nines in Fiji in February. "He'll certainly bring some power to our pack and I believe he has a tremendous future in the game," Tas Baitieri, the Paris general manager, said. "He only arrived in Paris on

Saturday night and he'll he having a run-out before we finally get down to naming our side for the match in London. He's in the squad and we'll certainly be hoping to give him a run-out against the Broncos."

Paris, who included an Australian, a New Zealander, a Moldavian and a Pole as well as their Frenchmen, stylishly accounted for Sheffield Eagles in their opening game last



Clarke: discharged

Friday, but a match that will put the wirmers briefly on top of the league presents a good test of the new side's ability to

travel well. Baitieri believes that Paris must guard against complacency after their 30-24 victory over Sheffield. "Obviously it was a great against-the-odds victory, but we must not get carried away by such a re-sult," he said. "We still have a number of weaknesses in the team and we have got a great deal of work to do. It's going to be extremely difficult against London."

Evan Cochrane was a casualty of London's battling win away to Halifax Blue Sox last Saturday, and an aggravated rib injury is expected to keep him out for two weeks, Tulsen Tollett switches to centre, and Duncan McRae assumes the stand-off half role. Shaun Keating will figure in the second row with a strapped broken finger, and Gavin Allen, the prop, has recovered from illness.

Phil Clarke, the Great Britain and former Wigan backrow forward, was discharged from hospital in Sydney yesterday, three days after he fractured his fourth vertebra in three places while playing for Sydney City Roosters against North Queensland. He suffered no neurological damage and the club hopes that he will play again, though not this season.

His father, Colin. a former Great Britain hooker, who was travelling to Australia at the time the accident occurred. said: "The subject of whether Phil will play again this year or in the future has not been discussed. We are just happy he is going to be all right."

### **McCracken** facing test of character

Wales will limit their choice of

players, but neither England

nor ireland have close-season

available is Damian Hopley.

the Wasts centre who cap-

tained England's sevens

squad in Hong Kong last

weekend. Hopley, who played

alongside Guscott and Callard

against South Africa last Nov-

ember, must see a specialist

for an arthroscopy next week

to discover the extent of liga-

ment damage sustained to his

BY SRIKUMAR SEN BOXING CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT McCRACKEN can establish himself as a world middleweight title contender, alongside his stablemate Richie Woodhall, of Telford, when he defends his Commonwealth boxing title against Paul Busby, of Worcester, at York Hall, Bethnai Green, tonight. Though unbeaten in 25 contests. McCracken has so far failed to live up to the promise of four years ago, when he won a World Cup silver medal.

Weight problems at light-middleweight and, recently, a kidney infection, were seized upon by his followers to excuse his poor showing against opponents he should have beaten easily. Many thought he was lucky to lift the Commonwealth title, against Fitzgerald Bruney, of Canada.

Now, having recovered outboxing him.

### FOOTBALL Nuck-off 7,30 unlass stated European Cup Semi-final, first leg Agu y Panathinaicos ... Juventus y Names ... FA Carling Premiership Leeds v Southemoton (7 45) Liverpool v Newcastle (8 6)

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AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Free
division: Charlon v Chelsea (7.0): Cystal

from his illness and boxing at a more comfortable weight, McCracken will be expected to give a good performance tonight. Even though Busby is not in his class, if the champion is unprepared in any way, the Worcester man could expose him. The two have a common opponent in Paul Wesley. McCracken struggled to hold on to his British light-middleweight title against Wesley, while Busby had no trouble in

McCracken has beaten some good men but the punches that once disposed of his opponents quickly do not appear to carry the same power anymore. He will almost certainly have to go the distance against Busby and the result could be a close one.

# TODAY'S FIXTURES Palace v Poramouth (at Dulwoh Hemist, 7:0), Ipswich v Bristol Rovers (at Bury St Edmunds) Arsenal v Lutin (3:0); Norsich v Southarriston, Oxford Utd v Wimbledon; Wasterd v Cusens Park, Rangers (2:0), Second division; Boumemouth v Batt; Torquay v Plymouth (7:0). POWITORS ICENTRAL LEAGUE: Plast division; Botton v Steffield Utd (7:0). Oddfram

wants time to consider.

POINTOIS CENTRAL LEAGUE Past vision: Botton v Sheffield Und (7.0), Oldham v Birmangham (7.0) Postporned: Sheffield Wednesday v Leads. Second diffusion Bradford v Bernstey (7.0); Burnley v Rothertam (7.15); Grimstoy v York (7.0); Lelceser v Blackpool (7.0), Manchester City v Sunderland (at Witton Albion FC, 7.0); Mansfield v Huddensfield (7.0); Preston v Hull (7.0).

Manstead v Haudersberg (7.0); Presson v Hull (7.0) LEAGUE OF WALES; Ton Panere v Aberystwyth, Cup: Semi-final, fint leg: Ebbw Vale v Barry Town.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE Five dewoors Searum Red Bur v West Auckland. Craven Cup: Third round: Brandon v Ashington; Shotton Comrades v Horden CW ENDSTEIGH MIDIAND COMBINATION.
Premier division: Massey Ferguson v
Dollumi. MINERVA SOUTH MIDUANOS LEAGUE

O'Brien/McKenide Butchers Trophy: Pi-nal, first lag: Royston v Siggleswade HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNT TIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Raunds v NORTHERN COUNTRES EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Brigg Town v Amold; Censiby v Malitby MW; Hallam v Heilfeld WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE First division: Dertions y Transportant. HA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National loague: Warnbley v Croydon 3CHOOLS MATCHES; houthern Counties under-19; First: Northumbestand v Messayside (Morpetin, 20), inter-County; Innet London v Surrey (Elfham, 11.0). Durham Festivet (from 10am) Allerdale v East Northumberland; Pelerborough v North Tyneside, Gravestnem v Newcastle; Wellingborough v Sanderland; Luton v Dartington; Leads v Behop Auddend; Cantale v Operation.

RUGBY UNION

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OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: English national champion-ships (Norwich Sport Village)
BASKETBALL: Budwelser Laugue: Lorr-don v Hernel (8 0). Sheffield v Doncaster (8 0); Thames Velley v Derby (8 0)
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### RACING RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good to soft, good in places 2.00 (im 11 213)d) 1, Espess 2.00 (im 11 213)d) 1, Espesto (G Bartwell, 7-11; 2, Belle's Boy (14-1), 3, Radmore Brandy (8-1), Estorno Kes 4-1 lar 15 ran 34, 244, 1-Pearce Tote: 28.20; 23 10, 52.80, \$1.60, ØF: £51.90, Tno 5227 70 (peat wort: pool of £28.64 carried forward to 5 15 et Ascot today). CSF: £36.45 Tricast \$796.22. 2.30 (SI 13yd) 1. Whet Eas Girl (I. Detool, 14-1): 2. Nervous Aex (4-1), 3. Mujova (16-1). Joint Venture 4-11 tav. 5 ran. 18, 3-1, P Evans. Tote £10 50; £3.50, £1 50. DF £21.00 CSF: £59.53.

3.00 (5) 13yd) 1, Splicing (M Hills, 3-1); 2, Loose Talk (5-2 tav); 3, Solo Symphony (3-1) 10 van. MP. Governors Drasm, Watch The Pre. 34, nk. W Haggas, Tote-53,40; 61 30, 61 30, 61 30. DF: 56,30 Tno: 55,90, CSF, £10.49.

3.50 (8) 15yd) 1. Tymeera (T Sprake, 14-1); 2. Sea Darcog (7-1); 3. Night Harmony (12-1), 4. Sweet Nature (9-1), Madesmu 7-2 lev. 22 ren. Sh hd, 34. S Palling, Tote, 577 80; 55.00; 52.20, 53.90, 92.00 DF \$145.30 Trio. \$1,547.40, CSF: \$123.16. Tricess. \$1,181.16.

4.00 (1m 54yd) 1. High Barogum (J. Rad. 7-11: 2. Ismus (4-5 fav), 3. Henry Island (7-1): 12 ran. 11. 2751 P. Chapple-Hyam. Tota 62.50, 62.60, 62.10, 52.00 OF 64.00 Trio: 621 10. CSF: 213.77. 4.30 (Im Sépt) 1. Maple Bay (Angola Gallimore. 4-1); 2. Beltieship Bruce (3-1 lan); 3. Pine Essence (5-1) 13 rain 18, 61, A Bailey Tole, 25 00; 228, 25,140, 25,140. DF 25 30 Trio 26 20 CSF; 216.12. 5.00 (1m 54yd) 1, Shu Gae, (R Cochrane, 3-1 (i-lav); 2, Bowled Over (3-1 (i-lav); 3, Fursan (7-2), 11 ran, b), 25), W Haggas, Tote: £4 90; £220, £190, £120 OF £9 10 Trio: £11.10, CSF; £12.64 Jackpot not won (pool of £3,548.44 cerried forward to Ascot today). Placepot: £261.80. Quadpot: £8.19.

Folkestone Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m at 110yd hole) 1, Circus Colours (A P McCoy, 7-2); 2, Monks Soham (9-4 tav); 3, Who Am I (7-1), 10 ran. 3%, 146, J. Jarrians, Tote; 24.20, £1.10, £1.30, £3.30, DF: £3.60, Tho: £9.70 CSF: £11.68

2.40 (2m 11 110yd hole), 1, Buoldend Lad (B Fenton, 4-1 fav), 2, Equity's Darling (10-1); 3, Pair Of Jacks (11-2), 12 ran, 7, 31, D Grissell Tote; C4-0; £1.80, £3.00, £1.70, DF: £21.10, Tho; £17.50, CSF; £43.75, Tricast: £210.11.

3.10 (2m 5f ch) 1, Vicosa (Mr P Henley, 7-1); 2, The Mine Captain (14-1), 3, Reve En Rose (8-1). Ask The Governor 3-1 (av. 1) van. 4,4,5 th ch, R Almer Tote: £7.00; £1.60, £7.70, £3.10 DF £38.60. Tito: £159.20. CSF £32.37. Tricast £744.27. 3.40 (2m tf 110yd hote) 1, Rosqill (0 Byrne, 20-1), 2, Mustahii (8-1), 3, Hawittome Gien (5-2), Smply 9-4 lav 6 ran. 3(1, 3), Mrs M Jones Tote, £24,10, £5 50, £1 90 DF £27,10 CSF, £133,14. 4.10 (3m 2l ch) 1. Sorbiere (M A Fitzgerald, 8-13 lav), 2, Rocco (3-1), 2, Jim Bowle (17-1), 5 ran, 15-l, dist, N Henderson, Tota 21:50; 21:40, 21:50. DF, 23:10, CSF, 22:56 4.40 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, Sir Dente (D O'Sulfivan, 5-1); 2, Wise King (3-1 jk-tev), 3, Royal Ruler (6-1), Riding Crop 3-1 jk-tev, 7 ran. 41, 1kt. 8, Rowe Tote: \$5.60, \$2.30, \$2.90 DF: \$10.30, CSF: \$21,50.

Wolverhampton Going: etandard

2.20 (6) 1, Sondos (M Henry, 2-1 )-lev): 2, Lie Felt (7-2); 3, Mogin (20-1), Golden Tyles 2-1 |-lev 7 zen. NR: No Hiding Place. 71. 1%, J. Hills. Tote: 23 50; £1.20, £2.20, OF-22.50, CSF: £8.84 2.50 (1m 100yd) 1, Walkidd Beach (5 Whitworth, 100-30); 2, Yo Kiri-B (8-1); 3, Yuppy Girl (12-1), Bubble Wings 15-8 lsv. 7 rar. B. 13, G L. Moore, Tole: 24.20; 22.20. 24.10. DF: 27.40. CSF \$25.93

3.20 (77) 1, Victim Of Love (S Sanders, 5-2 lav), 2, Rowlandsons Charm (11-2), 3, Efpetite (14-1) 9 ran 154, 11, R Chariton. Tote: \$3.50; £1.50, £1.70, £2.90. DF £9.60 fter: \$2.56.10. CSF: £16.30. Tricast £149.85. 3.50 (1m 4) 1. In The Maney (F Lynch, 3-1 lav); 2. Hill Farm Dancer (5-1); 3. Blackwiew (7-2). 7 ran 181, 11 R Hollinsheed, Tota: 23 60, 53 40, 52 90 DF, 55.60, CSF-517 18 Backwiew finished first, but after (F

stewards' inquiry we placed third.

4.20 (56) 1, Lawrid Find (F Lynch, 5-1), 2, Contravens (Evens lav); 3, Abstone Queer (13-2) 6, ran. 1 VI, 5I. R Hollenshead, Tote: \$8.20; £3.20, £1.10 DF. £3.60 CSF £10.41 4.50 (8) 1, Folst (J Quinn, Evens tavi; 2. Disco Boy (14-1); 3. Sr Tasker (3-1) 7 ran 51, 1 ki, 4/ W Easterby, Tote: 92.10; £1.10 £7.70. DF. £14.30 CSF £13.78.

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BY JULIAN MUSCAT

RICHARD HANNON is

champing at the bit. Fresh

from a holiday in Barbados.

the trainer who will saddle

more runners than any other

is anxious for the Flat season

so much he can do with the

have simply conspired against

"I'm all dressed up, the

we get temperatures of minus

five overnight," Hannon re-

flected yesterday. "It is very

frustrating. I want to get the

two-year-olds going because

they look like a great collection

this year. The three-year-olds

Hannon will recognise that

optimism is his staple curren-

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12 (5) 0-9 ALL IN GOOD TIME 18 C Thomfon 3-8-8 D McKeown —
13 (2) 000- BROGANS BRUSH 153 I Haltone 3-8-1 L Chamnock 65
2-1 Indended Tong, 7-2 Break The Rubes, 9-2 Field Of Vision, 7-1 Fasin, 8-1 Castel Resselo. Furmy Rose, 10-1 To Prove A Point, 12-1 others. 2.55 RUTHERGLEN MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0 fillies: £2,832: 51 4yd) (5) EPAIR ETTE M Cascons 8-11 K Darley
6 FACE IT 9 W G M Termer 8-11 Date Ebson
MALL GRO GRAL M W Essenty 8-11 Date Ebson
MORTHERM SAL J Barry 8-11 Darren McRat (3) 11.8 Ecoclette, 2-1 Northern Sal, 5-1 Men End Skil, 11-2 Face It. 8-1 Tackers: 3.30 HAMILTON HANDICAP (3-Y-U: £2,948: 61 5yd) (13)

1 (8) 64-1 BELDRAY PARK 9 (D,S) Mrs A King 10-0 (7ex). J Quiany 97 (6) 00-0 PEARLS OF THOUGHT 8 J Haddens 9-5. A Wackey 80 (7) 500-0 GORTESO 173 (D,F) N Toldes 9-5. A Wackey 80 (7) 500-MONSEGER CLESTIN 202 F.G.) J Berry 9-3. J Carroll 91 (7) 521-0 AFRINK 335 (6) A Mutholland 9-1. J Wester 85 (7) 500-KADY TEDDY 162 Miss 1 Parroll 9-1. J Familing 7-123 50-6 HOBES CHOICE 9 6 Major 8-12. Oale Gabson 80 (7) 133 50-6 HOBES CHOICE 9 6 Major 8-12. Oale Gabson 80 (7) 130-5 (AFRYLIKEATHURKY 7 (8) J D Thou 8-10 5 D Walkers 91 (7) 600- TOE TAPPIN MISSET 170 Li Meach 8-10. X Statesy 97 (7) 600- TOE TAPPIN MISSET 170 Li Meach 8-10. X Statesy 97 (7) 600- TOE TAPPIN MISSET 170 Li Meach 8-10. X Statesy 98 (7) 600- AUTOFYR 155 J Wackers 6-5. L Charrock 99 000-AUTOFYR 155 J Wackers 6-5. L Charrock 7-2 Beldray Park, 4-3 Locky 86a, 9-2 Alaszak, 6-1 Larryfallostfrunk, 10-1 Hobbts (3-Y-0: £2,948: 61 5yd) (13)

7-2 Belance Park, 4-1 Lucky Bea, 9-2 Alexan, 6-1 Lanylubrathruph, 10-1 Hobbs Choice, 12-7 Monsieer Colomb, 14-1 Goretsh, 16-1 Gents

spring is stubbornly refusing There is no middle ground madvance itself. There is only in Hannon's scaner-gun aphorses on these frosty, sunlit mornings. To press too strong-RICHARD EVANS ly would be to damage in one minute what will take weeks to repair. The forces of nature Nap: STORM NORTH (4.10 Ascot) Next best: Star Rage (3.35 Ascot) horses are in shape and then proach. He will either blitz the winner's enclosure for weeks or accumulate losing sequences so lengthy that followers of the stable are left clinging to their financial lives. Indeed, a El level-stake investment on every Hannon-trained runner in the last three

seasons would have yielded acrippling loss of £826.14.

to another statistic. Over the

Yet patrons of the yard point

classics.

for the Easter parade horse. Get them in, get them fit and get them to the races: it same period, 50 per cent of the 460 individual horses he has will be no different in 1996. saddled have visited the win-The pilgrimage gathers pace ner's enclosure. The waterat Kempton on Saturday. shed year came in 1993, in when the stable has represenwhich Hannnon sent out a tatives in the Easter and record 183 winners for earn-Masaka Stakes, both recogings in excess of £1.25 million nised stepping stones to the from his base near Marlborough, on the edge of Salisbury plains.

Hannon all dressed up

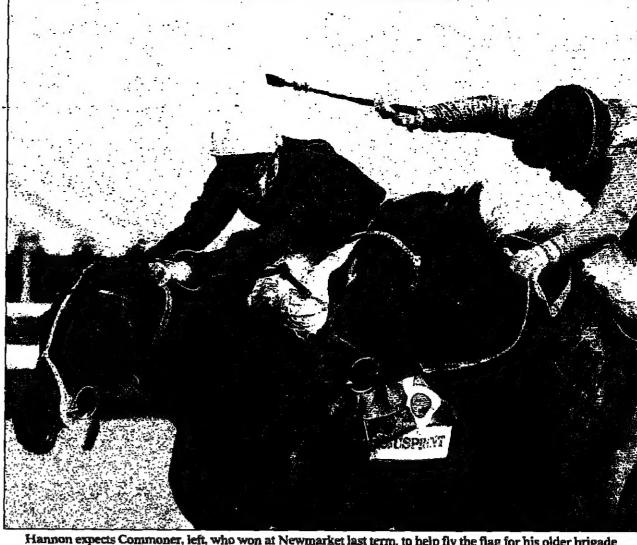
"Obviously it would be nice to do it again this year but I doubt I've got the ammunition," Hannon predicted. "I've got 170 horses here and I am hoping to improve on last year, when I had 115 winners. But some trainers have a better class of horse - they are not all listed in Horses-In-Training, I can tell you." For all his efforts to play up

contemporaries with widescale Arab backing, Hannon himself is hardly bereft of such patronage. The benefits of their largesse becomes obvious once Hannon outlines the better prospects among his three-year-olds. There are several with potential, but I'm particularly hopeful of Lonely Leader, Shaha and Wisam." All three colts are owned by an escalating number of Mid-

identities have long since baffled regular watchers of the Turf. Suffice to say their thoroughbreds are not of the cheap-and-cheerful variety. There is no doubt that having horses from them is a big advantage." Hannon said. They have strong pedigrees and are well advanced in their education when they arrive."

At Liberty, Commoner and Shamanic should fly the flag among the older brigade. while other three-year-olds to rate a mention were Charlie Chang, Clouds Hill, Decision Maker. Lomberto and Major Dundee. "Last summer's drought meant we couldn't run the youngsters as much as we wanted," Hannon said. "I expect many of them to improve a lot this year."

Meanwhile, punters with an eye on the stable should keep tabs on Hannon's earlyseason juveniles. "I plan to run half a dozen of them over Easter and they will all have good chances," Hannon said. I know I'm always saying that but these genuinely are a nice bunch. I'm really looking forward to it."



Hannon expects Commoner, left, who won at Newmarket last term, to help fly the flag for his older brigade

### ASCOT

1.55 Miroswaki

3.35 Star Rage 2.30 Go Ballistic 4.10 Storm North 4.45 Proud Sun

3.05 INCHCAILLOCH (nap) 5.15 Win The Toss The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 PROUD SUN. Carl Evans: 4.45 Proud Sun.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1.55 CITY INDEX MARKET LEADER'S NOVICES HURDLE (£3,891: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1P DELIGHT 46 (BF.5) (6 Middlebrook) K Barley 5-17-5.
00/061 MAJOR NOVA 16 (G.5) (Mrs. 6 List, N Smith 7-11-5.
FO-2120 MROSWAIO 22 (S) (Mrs. 6 List, N Smith 7-11-5.
211-96 FORTAMEROUSE 13 (G) (Mrs. 0 Topact 6 Barley 5-11-8.
P6-KINETS AFFAR 374P (N Brant) P Hebare 6-11-0.
0-P PETULANT PETE 40 (Mrs. A Barclay Mrs. A Barclay 6-11-0.
44000 TREMBLE 35 (Mrs. E Noberts) N Hebares 7-11-0.
P10 DACKO NG 13 (C) Metchell 6 (Mischell 6-11-0.

1 DACKO NG 13 (C) Metchell 6 (Mischell 6-11-0. PD DUCKUNG 13 (C Machel) C Mulchel 6-10-9. BETTANG: 4-5 Microstato, 7-2 Delight, 5-1 Major Nova, 10-1 Fontanerrouge, 16-1 Tremble, My Okt China, 20-1 King's Albeir, 25-1 Okars.

1985: SAINT KEYNE 5-11-7 A P MCCoy (6-1) D Williams S ran FORM FOCUS

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perudianate stat. FOUNTAMEROUGE 461 6th of 17
Selection: MEROSWANO

2.30 FAIRVIEW NEW HOMES MOVICES CHASE

(£11,464: 3m 110yd) (14 runners) -0042 CALL ME CTIZEN: 15 (F.E.) (A Storus) R Chris 16-11-8. 4-32722 CAPENWRAY 15 (G) (B Perpisti) J King 7-11-8. 540-40 CRAPPUCI 8 (S.S.) Mrs. E Heath 18-11-8. 203 S-6U-RU CHAPPUCCH & 6C.5) (Net. E Heath) Mes E Heath 6-11-8. DOUBTFEL 57
204 F-4-PEO DESE MARSHALL 15 (1 Week) J. Waste E-11-8. A S. Sarábi. 53
205 S-FIGGS-2 DERRIND BUD 11 (R.S.) (Lay S Brooke) Lady Siman Brooke 12-11-8. Mr 6 Sarabi. 50
206 S-2-0103 FOXBOW 32 (8) (E & W Februst) U Scherwood 6-11-8. J. Mr 6 Sarabi. 50
207 4294-6 60 BALLSTIC 20 (R.S.) (Mr 6 Sarabi. 10 Scherwood 6-11-8. A P. McCarthy
208 5-01352, J.B.TARA 22 (8) (A Clord) J. Echarot 7 (-11-8. A P. McCarthy
209 F-2318-1 LUCKY DOLLARS 30 (8) (B Matthe K Balley B-11-8. A Thorston 75
210 OPER-2 MARCHMAN GALE B (3) (R Scheryle) N Mitchell 8-11-8. R Saute 50
211 42-6342 ROYAL S-6003 11 (Mr N Balley B-11-8 Mrs P Housey 75
213 F-2220 GERFRON PRINCESS 34 (Br S (P McCarty) Mrs P Dollard 9-11-8. S Frox 76
214 P-29-24 S-DOLE WARDLER 3 (R Mrs P Roberton) Mrs P Roberton 9-11-3. D Rymo 77
214 P-29-24 S-2006 WARDLER 30 (Mrs P Roberton) Mrs P Roberton 9-11-3. P Fidds 75
BETTING: 11-4 Co Balleigt, 5-1 Luchy Ooltar, 8-1 Johans. 8-1 Capernstoy, Who's Med, Significa Princess., 10-1
Sedge Wardler, 12-1 others.

1995; #95H STAMP 6-11-8 M Daye: (11-10 las) F Marphy 5 ran FORM FOCUS

CAPENNIRAY 141 2nd of 12 to General Crack in a novement asset all Windsow (3m., good to soil); LUCKY DOLLAR 541 3rd of 13 to Lance Americang in a novice president start with MARENMA GALE distant 4th. DESE MARENALL 141 2nd of 12 to King Lucter in a novice chase at Notitington (3m. 110%). Lucter in a novice chase at Notitington (3m. 110%). Selection in a novice chase at Notitington (3m. 110%). Selection (3m. 3m. 110%). Selection (3m. 3m. 110%). Capendal in a novice chase at Lectator (3m. 3m. 110%). Selection (3m. 3m. 110%). Selection: (3m. 3m. 110%). Select

☐ There are 21 acceptors — including Absalom's Lady, Chief's Song, Indefence. Mole Board and Staunch Friend — for the Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow next Monday.

FAMILY CARROL

2.25 Break The Rules, 2.55 Epaulette, 3.30 Afisiak, 4.00 Ciserano, 4.30 Manful, 5.00 Eurotwist.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 Dragonjoy. 5.00 CHARLIE BIGTIME (nap).

2.25 SOUTH LANARKSHIRE CLAUMING STAKES

1 (3) 310- STEAK THE RILES 207 (F.S.) Mrs. M Plaveley 4-10-0

2 (6) 8-00 CASTEL ROSSELO 11 (8.F.G.S.) R Harris 6-10-0

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

(£2,675; 1m 1f 36yd) (13 runners)

# 3.05 DAILY TELEGRAPH MOVICES CHASE (Handicap: £14,655: 2m 3l 110yd) (6 runners)

1212PJ CAPTAIN (HEDINE 22 (F.G.S.) (Norther Parineship) P Nicholts 6-11-1
442241 NICHCAILLOCH 8 (6.5) (F Carles J King 7-11-9 (Sec)
24F111 GARRYLOUGH 18 (0.6.5) (T Whitloy) II Gandoto 7-10-13
331532 SOUTHAINFORD 12 (V.BF.F.G.S.) (Hydriyes) 6 Bactor 6-10-8
U1-1313 DESTRIY CALLS 118 (F.G.) (Simon Fastap) IN Saseles 6-10-7
PS1879 PLINDER RAY 32 (S) (E & W Robins) IN Harderson 5-10-4 . M A Pitznerald

1995: POSTAGE STAMP 8-10-19 M Dayer (5-2) F Murphy 5 me

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 71 and of 6 to Certainty Strong in grade II Westminster Jau Insurance Henry VIII Novices: Chase at Sandown (2m. good) with INCHCALLOCH (6th merse off) 171 4h; Dec 95. INCHCALLOCH bear Muterime Sale dictance in a 5-turner movice chase at Sandown (2m. 41 110yd, good to sold). Previously 30% of 4th of 16 to Ventains Carryon in the grade I Guitness Arkle Novices' Chase at Chelsenham (2m. good to sold), CAPTAIN KHE-

DIVE (1th worse off) ussessed nder 2nd GASRY-LOUGH completed imble, hear Chadwich's Singer 11 in a 6-rutter novices' handicap chase at littraster (2m St. good) SOUTHAMPTON 14x 2nd of 4 to Wee River in a handicap chase at Newbury (2m 11, good to soit) DESTRY CALLS 11141 3rd at 5 to General Command in a novice chase at Doncaster (2m 118yd, good). Salection: GARRYLOUGH

3.35 CITY INDEX SPREAD BETTING HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,152: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

BETTINGS: 7-4 Star Rage, 4-1 Pryrig costsuctor 11-2 Island Vision, 7-1 Dreams End. 10-1 How's B Gown Most Equal. 14-1 High March 18-1 Survey. Westneby 25-1 Tartocheri 1995; NAHAR 10-11-10 D Bridgmater (10-11 lbs.) S Dow 4 zer

FORM FOCUS

TAROUGHANT 143 2nd of 22 in South Six is a landicup busile of Artise (2m 41 good to Smit). As 85 DREAMS BRU had and 0.19 to Mark Saries in a handicup had all 0.19 to Mark Saries in a handicup had of 4 Who are the 10 personal sart. STAR RAGE 21 3rd of 17 to Stampan as handicup had a 4 Artise (2m 11094) good). Provinciply had Researche 21 in the 22-county good in Winner D'Erne County Handican Hade of Chemical (2m 1104). It county with Handisap Hardis at Chetheritam (2011), quality with DREAMS END (7th better ct) 211 17th 1969) welding) on perceitmate at Tip NAMO (19th better ct) 16th 17th 1803T EXCELL | Selection: ISLAMO VISION

13th better off) onseated noter 5th FLYING IN-STRUCTOR bus Chai-Yo (10) on a 16-dumer nov-tice funds at Uniosite (2m good to act), MOST EQUAL best record effort, best Kimo's Cross 1/2 in a 12-namer handicap hardle at Warwel (3m good to set) HOW'S 17 6000 214 3ct of 7 to Sophie May in bandcap hurdle at Footwell (2m 21, good to firm). ISLAND VISION 61 2nd of 15 to Dance Beat

4.10 ALPINE MEADOW HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,425: 3m) (12 numers) Long Mandicae: Sizel Mess 9-10, Royal Pines 9-9, Metal Disson 9-8

BETTING: 4-1 Newton Point, 9-2 Childro Set, 5-1 Storm North, 6-1 Runtaway Peie, 7-1 Harding, 8-1 Rosing May, 10-1 Stord Mess, 12-1 oliens, FORM FOCUS

CLEFICH SET about 1494; Shi of 8 to Erzeijan at a leardican hundle at Uthinetter Size 1194d, proof; FORTURES WOOD best Assenseds 1541 in 15-tronner conditional jocksyn hundless hundle at Haydech (Zou 71 110yd, good), Nov 93 RURAWAY PETE 9141 and of 14 to Transplat to Tote Sandown Handleap Hardle at Sandown (Zm 64, good to firm) peneditinate start. NEWTON POINT 341 2nd of 8 to Lead Vocalet in hundless hundle at Sandown (Zm 68, good to soot) with ROYAL PIPER (2th better off)

4.00 LANARK SELLING STAKES

4.30 EAST KILBRIDE HANDICAP (£3,794: 1m 3i 16yd) (8)

5.00 CAMBUSLANG HANDICAP

(£2,962: 1m 4f 17yd) (13)

(8) -000 CLASSIC WICTORY 19 (B.C.F. R Hamis 9-2 A Mackay 92 (3) 3112 DRAGONIOV 25 (B.G.) J Payer 9-2 ... A McGlave 91 (4) 00-0 DAREGOK 8 M Dods 5-11 ... L Character 13 46-6 PHARTON DARCER 185 J Berry 8-11 ... J Carroll 73 (2) 40-5 RATTLE 8 J J O'Nell 8-11 ... S D Williams 79 (4) 5 (SEPAN 9) 8 (9) M Chapmen 8-5 ... A Sorrane 19 (7) SHE'S A WINNER S Williams 8-6 ... X Darloy -

11-4 Classano, 3-1 Degorqoy, 7-2 Pleaston Danies, 5-1 Radie, 5-1 Sas's A Winner, 16-1 Descrock, Classic Victory.

3-1 Martin, 7-2 Aster Weeks, 4-1 Steadless Elips, 5-1 Calder King, Cultimost Kin 6-1 Dani Forget Curis, 8-1 others.

| 1 | (6) 405- BARKCWBITE 27J (V.CD.F) Mrs M Reveloy 4-9-10 K Darley (2) (10) 4-35 CHARLE SIGTIME 18 (D.F.G) fi Harris 5-9-9. A Mackayer 3 (4) -004 ME CHEROKEE 33 C Thomaton 4-9-5. D McKarown 5 (17) /80- EUROTWST 6-14 (20)-6-5) S Kettewell 7-9-1 J Fortune 5 (18) 0/6 PALACE OF SOLD 8 L Large 6-9-0. J Familing 80 (11) 3066 EXCLUSION 15 (30)-6-9-0. J Familing 80 (30)-6-9-0. J Familing

8 (13) 320 PHEMST 18 (B.D.G) C W Biog 4-8-9 \_\_\_\_ N Kannady 94 (5) 100- LORD ADVOCATE 191 (B.C.D.F.G) D Raisa 8-8-5 J Doing 10 (3) 350- DOCTOR'S REMEDY 1931 (D.P) Mrs. J Lotten 10-8-2 in Hemsen (7) 84 (1) 400- SURRANDOR 25) Mrs. L School 4-2.1

3-1 Bank in Table. 4-1 Thomstouth Estate. 6-1 Philamest. 10-1 Gurothest, Ma Charolines, Exchangest, Charlie Rigistre. 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

HAMILTON PARIC Trainers: S C Williams, 6 names from 12 names, 500%, M Messle, 3 hroft 7, 42.9%, M W Easlerby, 3 from 8, 37.5%; Mrs M Revelle, 31 from 140, 22.1%; P Hasiam, 24 from 199, 22.0%; S Kostravell, 6 from 30, 20.0%; M Johnston, 28 from 158, 17.7%, Jocksys, J Waren, 32 waters from 121 rides, 26.4%; K Darley, 49 from 206, 28.5%; J Forhate, 16 from 66, 18.6%; J Caroll, 36 from 202, 17.8%, D McKeoess, 21 from 134, 15.7%, A Mackey, 11 from 52, 12.0%; X Falton, 18 from 153, 11.8%.

LUDLOW: Trainers: S Shetwood, 10 winders from 35 timers, 28.6%, D Micholson, 25 from 89, 28.1%, K Babley, 14 front 58, 20.7%, M Pres 15 inom 81, 16.5%, P Horbes, 10 from 55, 16.2%, I Forster, 12 from 74, 16.2%, Mass H Kongiel, 11 from 69, 15.9%, Jackeys: R blassey, 5 winners from 20 rides; S207%, D J Burchell, 5 from 27, 23.6%, P Pennell, 8 from 40, 20.0%, W Marston, 10 from 89, 15.2%, C Lievellyn, 9 from 63, 14.3%; J R Karamagh, 8 from 57, 14.0%, S Michella, 6 from 51, 11.6%

CLETON SET about 14% Sh of 8 to Erzerian is a landican hundle at Unimeter (3to 110xd, proof). SGRTUNES WOOD best Assembled 15% in 15-tonner continued jockeys' hundled hundle at 15% in 15-tonner continued jockeys' hundled hundle at 15% in 15-tonner continued jockeys' hundled hun

Carl Evans: 4.55 West Quay.

2.15 BURWARTON NOVICES HURDLE (\$2,668: 2m) (16 runners)

7-2 Court Map. 5-1 Royal Silver, Faustino, 7-1 Cyrus The Great, 8-1 Tramerch 10-1 L'Egisse Bella, 12-1 Royalontaine, 16-1 bibers.

2 2123 SOLDEN MADJAMBD 105 (C.8F.F) F Jordan 18-11-18 J Lodder
2 3F25 LAUE OF LOUGHREA 122 (C.F.G) K Ballay 6-11-19 G Bradley
3 1541 MERLINS DREAM 23 (F.G) O Sherwood 7-11-10 — B Powell
4 3F4P BARTON SANTA 15 (S) S Brookstew 7-11-3 — T Bry
5 52F6 EMERALD MOON 146 (F.G.S) P Roderd 9-11-3 — S Borrough
6 0FP3 OLLINER DUCKETT 14 Mrs J Sidebotion 7-11-3 — Mr J Julius
7 1990 PREMETHORPE 28 (F.S) B Carriding 9-11-3 — S Bry Lyons
8 30SP STAR OF DAVID 26 (V.S) Mrs A Embracos 8-11-3 — R Busse

7-4 Martins Dream, 2-1 Golden Madjambo, 4-1 Lake Of Loogfrea, 12-1 Offiver Ductett, 14-7 Emerald Moon, 16-1 Princethorpe, 20-1 offices.

2-1 Boston Rover, 5-2 Larry's Lord, 7-2 Cooli D'Estruel, 7-1 Portynyswen, 10-1 Man Of Mystery, 16-1 Ratie's John, 20-1 Le Bucheron.

Blinkered first time HAMBETON PARK: 2.25 Castel Rosselo 5.00 Bark'n'bile LUDLOW: 2.45 Star C4 David: 4.20 Jady's Dream

3.20 BUNDY HANDICAP CHASE

2.45 SHROPSHIRE STAR NOVICES CHASE

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

(£3,453: 2m) (8)

(£4,104; 2m 4f) (7)

THUNDERER

EUDLOW -

2.15 Court Nap. 2.45 Merins Dream. 3.20 Larry's Lord. 3.50 Reine De La Chasse. 4.20 Junction Twentytwo. 4.55 Oaklands Word. 5.25 Master Toby.

### GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.C.S) (Mrs. D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 . . . . . . . . .

Papercard number, Sto-Squire form (F — lett P — pulled up 0 — uncasted rider, 8 — brought down. 5 — simped up 8 — refused 0 — closus Store last name Days since last outing, F if list (B — biniers V — visor K — hood. E — Equated C — course wanter 0 — distance women CO — course and distance women BF — beaten Cavourie at latest race) Going on which house has won (f — Smm, good to Rmm. Nard. G — good S — sold, good to sold. heavy! Dweet in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Proate Handisapper's ranng

4.45 MAHONIA HUNTERS CHASE

SETTWE: 11-10 Proud Sun, 7-2 Topping Tim, 6-1 Pace's Boy, 7-1 Mr Gelightly, 8-1 A Windy Citizen, 12-1 Ameri King, 14-1 Rah Wan, 16-1 others

1995: SYNDERBOROUGH LAD 9-12-3 M Fellon (13-8 tax) 5 PMs 10 ras FORM FOCUS

MR GOLIGHTLY, completed traible, beaf Fanal PMB TRM beaf Space Fair 2'40 in 10-numer houser Price 13' on 17-numer newsess' hunter classe at Visioussion (2'm 71, opoid) PROUID SUM 131 4th oil 17 to Elegant Lord Christies Foatunds Classe at Chellenham (2'm 21 10)40, poodly, MR GOLIGHTLY Grant Character at Faircham (2'm 25 good to firm) peoultimate start.

5.15 LILY TREE STANDARD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

G-9 SWET PURCY 76 (Mes. 9 Painter) D Willburg, 5-11-5

33 THE PROMS 49 (Mes. 3 Moude) N Twicton-Covies, 5-11-5

TUNGSTEIN (6 & W Roburg, N Henderson, 5-11-5

WADE ROAD (Lord Creitses) Mes. H Kinght, 5-11-6

WALTEN'S DREAM (Mrs. E Barnet) N Henderson 6-11-6

WALTEN'S DREAM (Mrs. E Barnet) N Henderson 6-11-1

OG SYFSY BLUES 9 (Mes. J Wilderson) Mes. J Philosopon, 6-11-1

Mrs. J Wilderson

HOCANTELL (Mrs. K Ellion) J Old 5-11-1

OR ROSSPALL 29 (Mrs. T Philosopon) Mes. J Philosopon, 5-11-1

Norther (Mrs. K Ellion) J Old 5-11-1

SWEETHBALAME (Mrs. E Gay) C Weeton 5-11-1

Norther (Mrs. K Ellion) J Old 5-11-1

SWEETHBALAME (Mrs. T Philosopon) Mrs. J Philosopon, 5-11-1

Norther (COCKIT) ES (The Cocking Crew) P Hebbs, 4-11-4

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Norther (Mrs. E Gay) C Weeton, 5-11-1

WANTHER (COCKIT) ES (The Cocking Crew) P Hebbs, 4-11-4

OF ON SAMOWILLE (LAD 72 (Mrs. D Thomas) Mrs. D Thomas, 4-11-6

Suphilasin, 63)

WANTHER (TOSS (A Specimen) C Egeton 4-11-0

R Johnson (3)

WANTHE (TOSS (A Specimen) C Egeton 4-11-0

R Johnson (3)

RNN FOR COVER 29 (Mrs. N Dubled) Mrs. P Duffeld 4-10-9 Michael Hall Markey Post

SETTING: 4-1 Not For Turning, 5-1 The Protoc, 6-1 Win The Toes, 7-1 Strong Paladin, 8-1 Walter's Desire Turngeten, 10-1 Deel Cusy, Horantell, 12-1 others. 1995: DOMMARCTON 5-11-5 Mr J Durlon (6-5 lav) O Stenegod / ran

FORM FOCUS

CONKERDOR 411 13th of 19 to John Drumm in Maderial Hard flat race at Kemplon (Cm., soft). THE PROMS neck and 3½1 3rd of 17 to Bosprove STRONG PALADRI 9¾1 5th of 22 to Marching Marquis on MH libst race at Sandown (2m 110yd.). Soft; ANOTHER COCKPIT unscaled rider stant. Selection: THE PROMS COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS 37.5 A P McCoy
23.7 M Days
22.2 M A Fitzgerald
22.2 R Danwoody
21.5 P Holley

# 3.50 BUNDY CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES

MDICAP HURDLE (£2,948: 2m 5/110yd) (14)

7 PST THISOLANCE CLOUD 11 ISIM Pipe 7-11-8 ... G Burrows (8)

8 PSTP BELMARE CLOUD 11 ISIM Pipe 7-11-8 ... G Burrows (8)

9 6000 RIENCH BUCK 32 (8,6) M Twictor-Davies 6-11-7 M Keightiny (10)

55400 PRESONALLS 15 J Wistor 6-17-6 ... D Pariter

55400 PRESONALLS 15 J Wistor 6-17-6 ... A Larmech

559PF REME DE LA CHASSE 14 D Michelson 4-11-5 ... B Microso (3)

90-0 KALSKO 34 (6) H Ofter 6-11-4 ... B Microso (3)

90-5522 BERGHT MOVEMBER 16 (8) Mrs H Parrod 5-11-2 ... S Curran

1/P-0 MODFORMS PIERRIN SS P Hobbs 7-11-1 ... G Tormey (3)

90-04 BRASSIC LWT 23 J Backly 6-10-1 ... Gry Lowis

0PO BEAU OUEST 28 B Cambridg 9-10-6 ... G Tormey (3)

9000 SUAND FORFCAST 16 (5) Mrs Schotson 8-10-0 ... S Righton (7)

8PP DRINGTHER MELODY 32 P Richters 8-10-0 ... R Arnold (7)

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# Garrylough can extend fine run

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2.30: Go Ballistic is the strict form choice judged on his good second to Hill Of Tullow over the course and distance in January and respectable sixth in the Cathcart Chase at Cheltenham. However, he does not find much at the end of a race and has yet to win over fences. Lucky Dollar fell when

holding every chance at Uttoxeter last time, having previously run well with blinkers at Windsor. He is proven on this faster surface. Although the ground is a slight worty, Jultara looks worth a minor interest after a promising debut over fences at Windsor where he was well backed. Tony McCoy, who partnered John Edwards's runner to a success over hurdles earlier this season, is booked again.

3.05: Destiny Calls is best his seasonal debut for the last two years, so the 116-day layoff should not be a worry and Nick Gaselee's runner is most effective on today's faster going. He was a well-beaten third behind Incheailloch on softish ground at Kempton but reopposes on 221b better terms, so has a good chance of turning the tables.

However, all his victories

have come on left-handed tracks and I just prefer

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Garrylough, who has come into her own during the past two months. She completed a treble when winning a quite valuable mares' race at Uttoxeter, where her jumping was particularly impressive.

3.35: Star Rage did this column a big favour in the County Hurdle at Cheltertham and conditions are ideal for him to oblige again. The key to the tough dual-purpose horse is a stiff uphill finish and/or running within a few days of a previous outing. Most of his 18 victories on

the Flat or over hurdles during the past two years have been achieved in those circumstances and, after his respectable third at Aintree on Saturday, he must go well for Richard Dunwoody. Flying Instructor has his fair share of weight after winning two novice hurdles in taking style and High Mind and Suivez look bigger dangers.

RICHARD EVANS

### Jodami returns

JODAMI was confirmed a definite runner in the Jame-son Irish Grand National at Fairyhouse next Monday after pleasing Peter Beau-mont, his trainer, in a gallop yesterday. There are seven British acceptors, including Suny Bay and Tartan Tyrant. out of 27 declared.



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# Keegan's vision faces Anfield test

past, Kevin Keegan knew the definition of a small match. Away to Cambridge United, sitting on the bus trying to persuade his demoralised team that they were the best when he knew the door would be revolving at the end of the season. Just another fixture on the list.

Such anonymity would be a treasured luxury for Newcastle United this season, when closing the doors to the press, as they did before the Manchester United match, has been the only guarantee of peace. Even by their dramatic standards, however, Newcastle's visit to Anfield tonight has a curtain-call look to it. Blackand-white among the reds. It is a game Liverpool have to win and Newcastle must not lose; and it had to be at Anfield, home of a dynasty Keegan helped to create and which he is now trying to emulate in the North East.

More than just three points are at stake here. Keegan's omniscience is on the line, and his vision that a team can win the FA Carling Premiership playing more from the heart than the head. All season, Newcastle have dazzled opponents with a brand of breakneck football fashioned by Keegan's appreciation of style and the Geordies' own under-standing of how the game should be played.

Keegan recalled the day when Newcastle were clapped off the field after being beaten 41 by Fulham. "I nearly strangled one of our players who said it had been a great game. But he was right. Newcastle fans say: 'Let's have a great game' first and then: 'Let's hope we win.' That's why they deserve this team."

The philanthropy might change for tonight, though. Any win would do. If the supporters believe their manager is about to renege on his side of the deal, however, their judgment is as wayward as their team's recent form. Even though Newcastle have begun to flounder like Crisp on the Aintree run-in. Keegan is too far down the track now to start switching horses. Newcastle will win or lose the Premiership with the swagger they

have shown all season. There has been no temptation to compromise from me," Keegan said. "It's where I'll probably be criticised if I lose it. People will say I went kamikaze all over the place. But, with the players I've bought, I'm committed to playing that way. You don't buy a dog and bark yourself.

I could say to Albert [Newcastle's Belgium internationall: 'Philippe, I know you're fantastic with the ball and great going forward but I don't want you to do that. I want you to stand back here and defend.' He could do that, but I would lose 50 per cent of what I bought him for. What I've



Keegan is determined to maintain his footballing principles as the Premiership title race reaches its conclusion

said to the others, to Batty, is: 'You know what he's like, he could go wandering if we're 1-0 up with five minutes left. You drop in there for him." When Don Howe was coaching the defence with England, I knew what he was trying to do but I lost interest after a few

"People say we can't win the Premiership playing that way. I say: 'Why not? Because no one else has? There is this feeling that you have to be dour, defensive and well-disciplined to win the title. [Manchester] United broke that to an extent, but if we do it, perhaps others will play like us, with more attackers and defenders, if you like.

"I see international defenders cross the halfway line and retreat as the ball is going the other way. I don't think that's football. I'm not going to ask Ginola and Asprilla to defend. I want to challenge people to play us because we try to pass it at a pace other teams cannot

live with; like the first half know he'll give the ball away against Manchester United, and we know he'll create against Manchester United, and West Ham. There is not a side in the country who can do

Keegan has relished the idea that Newcastle have become the people's team. At times, he has felt like a ringmaster bringing his circus to town, except, as he memorably put it after defeat at Old Trafford, when the lions and tigers fail to show up. The question is whether the arrival of Faustino Asprilla, a trapeze artist, has unbalanced the whole act.

"We're still finding out exactly what he can do. We know already he can do things no

chances. He's very intelligent, has picked up some quite complicated routines in training very quickly. I bought him as cover for Les [Ferdinand] because he is used to playing with his back to goal. But he's asking some different questions too, which will make Les a better player. I don't know how they will work together. It's like a kaleidoscope. You out Asprilla in and turn the

"I've read all that about him unbalancing the side. But he couldn't. No one can. The fresh-faced Youth Training players make it easy for him. Scheme boys that their one in the country can do. We From outside, people say: I bet dreams were over, the most

handle and find new patterns.

new colours.

someone's gutted they're going to be out of the side', and deep down someone probably is. but characters like Beardsley. Lee, Howey don't see anyone as a threat. It's not as if we're bringing in a kid from the third division. Players like Asprilla and Batty don't have to win respect. They already

Last week was a frustrating one for a man who likes to get on with things. His players scattered to all parts on international duty, leaving Keegan to pick up the pieces of an abject defeat by Arsenal. Worse, he had to tell a group of

hated task for any manager. "You just have to be honest with them," he said. "But it's a horrible job." Keegan took refuge from his troubles on the squash court, in odd games of head tennis and dug deep into the well of his naturally positive spirit.

At a business conference in Nottingham recently, one of his fellow speakers divided the audience into four types of character, denoted by different coloured hats: red for fiery, blue for calm and so on. Keegan was a yellow hat "Positive, entrepreneurial, outgoing," he said. "There were some faults too, but I can't remember them. The point was I know which hat I am, but I also have to notice what colour hat the player coming to see me is. If he's red, I've got to put on my red hat to understand him." One local journalist has already suffered from Keegan's ability to see red. He was banned from the daily press conferences after

### There has been no temptation to compromise. from me'

an article had accused Terry McDermon, Keegan's assistant, of being a liar.

Keegan's library is stocked with books on motivation and man-management. He talks lucidly about "paradigm shifts" (changing patterns of behaviour), quotes anecdotes from Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People and effortlessly relates those principles to his own business of winning football matches: "What are the two ways of having the biggest building in town? You can either build your own higher than anyone else's or knock everyone else's down. That's what we're trying to do in football, isn't it? Build our's up, knock Manchesier United's down." Or Liverpooi's.

What marks Keegan out from some of his contemporaries is his honesty, his sense of perspective sharpened during eight years out of the game. Refreshingly, he does not pretend to know all the answers. Another of his favourite handbooks is entitled 79-80 Management Problems Solved. Tonight could go a long way towards solving the 81st: How to keep your nerve and win the

# A universal tug-of-war

Science and Wonders: God and the Cosmos. Radio 4, 7.20pm

Professor Russell Stannard begins his five-part series about the Protessor Russell Stannard begins his five-part series about the centuries-old tug-of-war between science and theology with his own, and other experts, theories about the origins of the universe. I felt comfortable listening to him because he is both Christian and scientist. If dogmatism creeps in occasionally, it doesn't come from him. You can't prove or disprove the existence of a designer God, someone says tonight. If we could rerun the great cosmic movie a second time, someone else says, we probably wouldn't have Homo sapiens or even the Earth itself. I didn't much care for the way one physical chemist describes the human race as "a bit of slime on a physical chemist describes the human race as "a bit of slime on a planet going round the Sun."

Sonata. Classic FM, 6.30pm.

I can't establish for sure whether Frederick II, King of Prussia, was I can't establish for sure whether Frederick II, King of Prussia, was the only monarch to play flute duets with his manservant. He was seven at the time, and it happened in secret. His stormy father had forbidden him such effeminate excesses because he feared they would divert his thoughts from military matters. All prohibitions ended when the old King died. Between bouts of soldiering, Frederick II composed music, especially for the flute. He had a poor opinion of German singers. "I should as soon expect to get pleasure from the neighing of my horse," he said. Tonight we hear his horseless C major sonata, with Rachel Brown on flute.

Peter Davalle

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Webern (Ricercar a 6, Musical Offering): Whettam (Horn Quartel): 10.35 Artist of the

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Concerto, live from Studio

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6,00am Rusa 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dena 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.30 Paul Coyle 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robot Banks

# 6.00am On Air. Berwald (Symphory No 3 in c); Brahms (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor); Couperin (Le Parriasse, ou l'aporthéose de Corelli); Gimka (Memory of a Summer Night in Medrich); Weber (Ancater e morio

5.15 In Tune with Andrew Green. Smetana (Overture, The Bartered Bride), Mendelssohn (Variations séneuses) 8.00 BBC Rush Hour Concert live from Wigmore Hall. Barbara Bonney, soprano, and Malcolm Martineau, 7.00 Cocktails. The first of five sequences of dance music

from 1920-1945 (r) 7.30 BBC Philharmonic under Richard Hickox, with Jonathan Carney, violin, Ingrid Atrott, soprano, Pernela Helen Steven, contrallo, Nigel Robson, lenor, Stepher Varcoe, barrione, Leeds Philharmonic Chorus, Elgar (Overture, Froissari), Veughan Williams (The Lark

Ascending); Stanford (Te deum in B flat, Op 10; Stabet mater, Op 96)

8.55 Cultural Baggage; Plignim
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grass which springs up immediately after the hay crop has been taken off, the aftermath. The Welsh ffvg dry grass, often given as the source, comes from the English. "The foggage of the Bishop's forest of Birss." books (now only account books, and they are mostly on screen). Also a case or covering in which a book or manuscript is kept. From the Old French diminutive of forre a case or sheath. State Papers of Henry VIII:

"His letters shall be enclosed in a forel directed to the Treasurer. (b) The porpoise (Phocaena communis). Origin obscure. The Gaelic peileag appears to be from Lowland Scottish. Walter Scott, The Fair Maid of Perth, 1828: "Gambolling like pellock amongst the waves."

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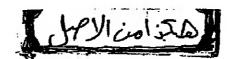
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Young doctors' return sets hearts fluttering The return of Cardiac Arrest (BBCi) was a worry. The first series I had loved - one of the most energetic, refreshing Land and funny dramas in a long time. The second, however, I took such an enormous initial dislike to that it took virtually the entire run to GOLDAND CLASS Day the cr get back on speaking terms. The only thing that got me through to Charles ...

the last episode was the romantic two-step danced by the careerweary Mr Docherty and his sympathetic secretary, Mrs Trimble. Well thank heavens they did, because last night's opening episode was splendid, holding out the promise that series three will be very good indeed. In style, it now looks more like its American counterpart, ER, than ever but it is none the worse for that Anyone confused can simply apply the beverage test. In ER they grab a coffee in times of crisis. In Cardiac Arrest they have a nice cup of tea. On the evidence of episode one,

relationships will be very much to kenzie). That still leaves Docherty the fore in this series. The difficulty, given the frantic pace set by Audrey Cooke, the director, will be keeping up with them. The starting position, however, appears to be this. The beautiful but deadly Claire Maitland (Helen Baxendale) is still playing hide the stethoscope with the ghastly surgeon. Adrian DeVries (Jack Fortune). This has upset her former squeeze, Scissors Smedley (Peter O'Brien), the Australian medic who spent the last series roller-skating along the hospital corridors in search of a character and - praise be finally appears to have found one. We left him last night seeking but so far not finding - solace in the arms of Sister Novac

(Jacquetta May). As for our original anti-hero, Andrew Collin (Andrew Lancel). he is still grabbing the occasional moment of extra-marital passion with Nurse Richards (Jayne Mac-

and Mrs Trimble, of course, but in common with about half the regular cast they did not grace last night's episode. I missed them -but with a company of 20, cramming everyone into half an hour was always going to be impossible.

ast night, the humour was blacker than ever and hears Ino repetition in a newspaper that could be read at the breakfast table. But it does smack of realism. One moment Maitland was joking about the young man who had suffered a brain haemorrhage while making love, the next she was gently asking his widow for permission to remove his organs. It is a tribute to all involved that the scenes managed to be funny, touching and convincing - all at

Cramming everyone into half an hour had to be possible for the makers of CAPD: Z Cars (Channel

### REVIEW



Matthew Bond

4) for Without Walls. But it was tough going, with a galaxy of ageing stars lining up to wax affectionate about the indisputably mould-breaking police series. Stratford Johns, Frank Windsor, James Ellis . . . they were all there, together with distinguished names such as Brian Blessed and Jeremy Kemp who made an early contribution to the series and then departed for greater things.

Curiously, we began not with one of the most famous theme tunes in television history (they made us wait seven minutes for that) but with Colin Welland banging on, while Telstar dee-dee-deed in the background. Thankfully, however, things improved rapidly.

But for all that this montage of anecdotes and black and white clips was enjoyable, it was hardly comprehensive. Had it been titled Z Cars: The Early Years or even The Early Year it would have been more accurate. Apart from a glimpse of the star-studded final episode (you remember - everybody came to say goodbye to Bert Lynch - rather tearful) and an awful reminder of what they did to the theme tune in the 1970s, we barely got out of 1962. That was the start, but it will not be how many people remember a series that ran for 16 years.

As ever it proved impossible to agree with Welland for long. He

scripts ("a lesson in how to write television scripts") but he was surely wrong when he provocative-ly concluded: "There's no equivalent, before or since, and it's a great bloody shame." The obvious and worthy succes-

sor in this country is The Bill, as some grainy footage of Newtown's Sergeant Twentyman (the late Leonard Williams) revealed. The resemblance to Sun Hill's Sergeant Cryer (Eric Richard) was ипсаппу.

Perhaps one day we will all wax nostalgic about new lads. But it won't be soon enough for Jaci Stephen, television critic and maker of J'Accuse: The New Lads (Channel 4). The young men for whom life is all beer, birds and bonking are an easy target. Stephen, however, did an excellent job of advancing the argument that it is not, as the lads would

was right about the quality of the have us believe, all a bit of harmless fun, but actually represents the insidious return of old-fashioned sexist stereotypes. ringfenced this time by a protective wall of irony.

A retinue of chaps with fashionably-cropped hair had been assembled to make various points that it was middle-class lads pretending to be working-class louts. that the nipple count in middleshelf men's magazines had soared recently, that it was all a media conspiracy. Bar this last point, it was difficult to disagree with Stephen's conclusion that new laddism was a culture of "complacency, mediocrity and idleness".

But if that sounds a bit too new man for you, cop this. The credits revealed that the hunk playing the programme's archetypal, lagerdribbling lad was called . . . Sacha.

· Lynne Truss is on holiday

### BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (95319) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Caelax) (59777) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Casiax) (7273512)

9:20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (7406574) @9.45 Kilroy (s) (1586067) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (25241)

12.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (6269777) 12.05pm Room for Improvement. DIY actvice

(s) (8047067) 12.35 Going for Gold with Henry Kelly (s) (3198425)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (52864) 1.30 Regional News and weather (94830222)

1.40 Neighbours (Castex) (s) (44949086) 2.00 Michael Barry's Choice Cuts (r)

2.15 Racing from Ascot. The 2.30, 3.05 and 3.35 races (s) (913375) 3.45 The Silver Brumby (s) (4127852) 4.10

Aivin and the Chipmunks (1) (3900339) 4.20 Jouny Briggs (r) (Ceefax) (6980845) 4.35 Rugrats (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9877777) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (1380626) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelan) (a)

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6.30 Regional News magazines (22) 7.00 Relatively Speaking. Gordon Burns hosts a new, three-generation family game show involving verbal and other skills (Cestad) (s) (6883)

7.30 Here and Now. Hard-hitting investigations (Ceefax) (s) (26) 8.00 Hearts of Gold. Esther Rantzen and

Carol Smillie are joined by Lorraine Kelly and Ben Kingsley (Ceetex) (s) (571715) 8.50 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (602067) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ces(ax), regional nows and weather (2048)

9.30 Silent Witness: Sine of the Fathers. (2/2) Final episode of a drama series about a forensic pathologist. Dr Ryan attempts to persuade Tran, her student the police. Meanwhile Wyn pushes Sam's

Burton (Ceefax) (s) (755357) 10.25 Sportsnight. Introduced by Des Lynam. Football: highlights of the FA Carling Premiership metch between Liverpool and Newcastle United; Powing: a preview of this weekend's 142nd University Boat Race: Greyhound racing: a look ahead to next week's BBCTV Greyhound Trophy at Walthamstow; Olympics: final preparations for this year's Games in

12.00 The Road to Golgotha. Rob Duncan visits Luxulyon Woods, in Comwall, to reflect on Jesus's encounter with Pontius Pilate (s) (5595094)

Atlanta (s) (645357)

12.15 FILM: American Blue Note (1989) with Peter MacNicol and Charlotte D'Amboise, A jazzman dreams of hitting the big time. Directed by Ralph Toporoff (Ceetax) (746617)

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### 6.00am Open University: Maths (7007222) 6.25 Science: Energy (7026357) 6.50 Composer and Audience: Tippett and

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4187222)

7.55 Christopher Crocodlie (r) (1783951) 8.00 Postman Pat (r) (7026749) 8.15 Teenage Mutant .Hero Turtles (r) (Ceetax) (7229425) 8.40 The Lowdown (Ceelax) (s) (8927609) 9.05 Mighty Max (s) (7416951) 9.30 Activ6 (r) (Ceelax)

10.25 Star Trek (r) (4556680) 10.50 The Tick (r) (1424932) 11.10 Randali and Hopkirk (Deceased) (r) (8192777)

Century: The Escapes from Alcatraz (17116) 12.30pm Working Lunch

1.20 The Village of Jars. in Lacs (3882086) 2.10 The Andrew Nell Show (s) (5478864)

(2361796)

4.30 Ready, Steedy, Cook (s) (19)

Oprah hosts a show on privacy, a subject close to her heart. Caroline Kennedy, a victim of unwanted press attention compiles a special report (Ceelax) (s)

5.40 A Week to Remember (b/W) (139131) 5.50 More Secret Gardens. Longstock Park Gardens, near Stockbridge, Hampshire

(Ceetax) (670319) 6.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) (s)

7.30 East: Last Among Equals (Ceetax) (s) (48)

8.00 University Challenge. Third quarter-linal: Warwick v Newcastle (Ceetax) (s)



Mr and Mrs Walsh at home (8.30pm)

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7.30 The Record (s) (7963970)

(74999) 10.00 Playdays (r) (6251883)

12.00 Great Crimes and Trials of the 20th

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3.00 News (Ceefax) (7134222) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceefax) (s) (7124357) 3.55 News (Ceefax)

4.00 Today's the Day (s) (35)

5.00 The Oprah Wintray Show: Privacy.

6.00 Star Treit: The Next Generation





Home Front. The DIY/decor show returns (s) (2680) Modern Times: Saturda Night (Cestax) (s) (747777)

9.50 A Man's World: The Worker.
Documentary series about masculinity during the first half of the 20th century (5/6) (Ceetax) (525203)

10.30 Newsnight. With Peter Snow (Ceefex) (319999) 11.15 Murder One (r) (Ceelax) (s) (994864) 12.00 The Midnight Hour with Andrew Neil

12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone: Open University (47033)

### CHOICE

East: Last Among Equals BBC2, 7,30pm

Mark Tully, a distinguished observer of India, launches a new season of the Asian current affairs programme. His object is to reveal the scandal (his word) of caste in the Christian Church. As always, his reporting is measured but pithy. When the Christian missionaries came to India seeking converts, they claimed, with Jesus, to be on the side of they claimed, with Jesus, to be on the side of the poor and oppressed. But the caste system which has permeated the Hindu religion was perpetuated by Christianity. The poorest Christians, the Dalits, the former Untouchables, were promised equality but never got it. The Dalits live in segregated areas, sit in different places in church and have separate burially suppressed. Christian priests been brutally suppressed. Christian priests been brutally suppressed. Christian priests and nuns working for the Dalit cause have been attacked and murdered.

You will never catch Tessa Shaw without a smile on her face. Back to dispense more ideas for freshening up our homes, she exudes cheerfuiness. If she recommended painting our walls and ceilings black, we might almost be charmed into doing it. First on Shaw's agenda is the kitchen. A MORI poll, much quoted in the programme. suggests it is the room most of us would most like to change. Anne McKevitt, an expert whose clients include Annie Lennox, transforms three kitchens for people with very different budgets. But Shaw's main stop, as it will be throughout this helpful series, is at a Victorian terrace house Yorkshire. The couple who have bought the property are planning to modernise it and have £10,000 to spend. Home Front, and the beaming Shaw, will follow their progress.

Channel 4, 8.30pm

lan Wright (not the footballer) makes for Central Asia in the first of a new series of offbeat travel assignments. As he roughs it through the former Soviet republics of Uzbekistan and Kirghizia, you have to enty him his youth and stamina. This is no coach trip to Eastbourne. Although he tends to play lishman abroad routine. Wrigh show a commendable desire to grapple with the local culture. Ignorant of the language and wary of the food, he nevertheless finds printed as ing to swallow a speep's eye when failure to do so would offend his hosts. Wright does not reveal mundane details, such as how much the trip cost him. You guess it was not a lot. But whether Wright's report will win converts, or lead viewers to decide that this rugged terrain is best sampled from the comfort of the sitting room, is a good question.

Modern Times: Saturday Night BBC2, 9.00pm

Brian Hill's film about Saturday night in Leeds is unusual in two respects. It is shot in black and white and carries a commentary in verse. Hill's justification for monochrome is that it makes everyday images more striking. It certainly makes them different: witness his atmospheric footage of the dark city streets. The commentary is written and spoken by the poet Simon Armitage and provides a sardonic backdrop to the human stories. Hill's characters are nothing if not colourful. lan is a drug addict, Lola a drag queen and Mike a carpet tycoon who tells racist jokes in pubs. He laughs at them more than the customers do. The other strand is a respectable dinner party which degenerates into a shouting match between the increasingly drunken husbands and their disapproving wives. Peter Waymark

### 6.00am GMTV (3505488) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (7414593) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (6238932)

10.00 The Time ... the Place (Telefext) 10.35 This Morning (44641425)

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6.50 Wish You Were Here...? Judith Chairners visits the Caribbean Island of Antigua to see how it has recovered from last year's humicane damage. John Carter is in Dublin to visit literary pubs; and Martin Roberts tests tents in Brittany

7.20 Champions Lesgue Live: Ajax v Panathinalkos. Live coverage of tonight's semi-final first-leg match of the European Cup Winners' Cup (85498425)

(Teletext) (s) (475135)



Kevin Kennedy as Curly (9.30pm)

9.30 Coronation Street. Will Curly tell Maureen the truth about Reg's activities? (Teletext) (52777)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (45000) 10,30 Regional News (Teletext) (594203) 10.40 in Suspicious Circumstances. Edward

Woodward presents two dramatised, real-life murders. No Witness, No Case tells of a gangster killing in 1920s Chicago. The location for Foor Edith is Lancaster Castle, in 1911; a number of mysterious deaths have occurred (r) (Teletext) (s) (502512)

11.40 Champions League Highlights 12.10am God's Gift (5781891)

1.10 Dear Nick (8553810) 2.10 Bushell on the Box (t) (s) (2321758) 2.40 ITV Sport Classics (5053907) 3.10 Murder, She Wrote (r) (9928425) 4.05 Coach (s) (40799704) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (20988)

5.00 Cover Story (8) (29520)

5.30 Morning News (55471)

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12.10am Beyond Reality: A Kiss is Just a Psi. (1988094) 1.45 Dear Nick (709926)

2.45 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (3953365)3.40 Jones and Jury (83268766) 4.00 Jobfinder (5991346)

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5.00am Freescreen (99520)

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4.00 Jimmy's (r) (Teletext) (s) (131 4.20 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (15) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (7509393) 5.45 Terrytoons (284280) 6.00 Blossom (r) (Teletext) (s) (232357)

6.25 Home Improvement, American comed series about a do-it-yourself television show host This week the former American President Jimmy Carter, boxer Evander Holyfield and Miss America, Kimberty Alken make guest appearances when Tim becomes involved in a housebuilding for the homeless sche and turns it into a man v woman grudge match (Teletext) (s) (217048)

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7.55 The Slot (837406) 8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (8241)



lan Wright on the Asian road (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE Lonely Planet: Central Asia, Uzbekistan and Kirghizia (Teletext) (s) (4048)

9.00 Dispatches. An investigation into the experimental administration of LSD on psychiatric patients (Teletext) (375491) 9.45 The Long Johns. In the last of the satire series, John Fortune and John Bird invite us to meet George Pair, director of a wellknown think-tank (Teletext) (s) (867628)

10.00 ER. Benton's teud with Vucelich escalates. (Teletext) (6116) 11.00 Friends. On Valentine's Day, and out on his first date in nine years, Ross meets his former wife (r) (Teletext) (s) (1113)

11.30 Cheers. Caria is convinced that the only way to stop the Boston Bruins ice hockey team's losing run is to stop dating the goalie (r) (Teletext) (27680)

12.00 NBA XXL. Coverage of the New York Nicks v Orlando (s) (411471)

1.55 FILM: Atlantic Adventure (1935, b/w) with Lloyd Noian and Nancy Carroll. A newspaper reporter follows a suspected murderer aboard a liner bound for Europe. Directed by Albert Rogell (4658162). Ends at 3.10am

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**WEDNESDAY APRIL 3 1996** 

Return of midfield player lifts Liverpool for Premiership showdown with Newcastle

# Redknapp's role central to the plot

JAMIE REDKNAPP could not have chosen a better week to make his comeback after spending nearly five months on the injured list. After returning to the Liverpool team for the FA Cup semi-final victory on Sunday, he faces Newcastle United tonight in an FA Carling Premiership game at Anfield that is crucial for both clubs with the praise of Terry Venables, the England coach, ringing in his ears.

"We haven't given up on the league." Redknapp said after training at Melwood yesterday. "If we beat Newcastle we're back in it. This is a crucial part of the season and it is nice to be back in." Venables is probably as

pleased as his protege to see Redknapp back, the young Liverpool player's return to fitness giving him further options in midfield. His value

People say we can't win the Premiership playing our way. I say: "Why not? Because no one else has?" With the players I've bought, I'm committed to playing that way. You don't buy a dog and bark yourself."

Kevin Keegan, page 42

to Liverpool is demonstrated by their readiness to change a winning side to accommodate him, leaving out Michael Thomas. "I haven't lost my place, it's been taken away Thomas said from me," yesterday.

Sentiment has never had much place at Antield, however, and Liverpool are aware of the importance of the match tonight for both teams - and for the Premiership leaders, Munchester United, although they would prefer to discount that. "This game is just as important as the semi-final," Roy Evans, the Liverpool munager, said yesterday.

'It is our best chance of pulling ourselves back into the race. It is like a Cup Final - if lose, I wouldn't say we are out of it, but it will then be very difficult for us."

A win for Newcastle would confirm their belief that they

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Secret language (4)

13 Arabian Nights sailor (6)

16 Worry; part of guitar (4)

11 Spelled-out (8)

15 Haphazard (6)

12 Amusing story (8)

18 Help oneself to (4)

20 Water round castle (4)

Pain in side; loop of thread (6)

Giving of (deep) respects (6)

Brilliant player (8)



Asprilla, the Newcastle United forward, relaxes during training in Durham yesterday for the Premiership encounter at Antield tonight. Photograph: Raoul Dixon

are in the driving seat, leaving them level on points with Manchester United and with a game in hand. Victory for Liverpool would put them two points behind Newcastle and five behind Manchester United, who, for once, will be Merseyside team.

"A win for us may suit [Manchester] United, but I'm not interested in that, all we can do is win our games,"

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Evans said. With Fowler in his present mood, anything is possible, one of Venables's young lions having rescued Liverpool from a poor performance in the semi-final.

"We were bad on Sunday. we didn't put any passes together until the last five minutes," John Barnes, the Liverpool captain, said. It was not that bad, but David James. the goalkeeper, and Fowler made decisive contributions.

Fowler will want to do the same again tonight, especially as he has yet to score when Steve Howey has been marking him. James may hope for a quieter time at Anfield, even against Ferdinand, than he

had against Aston Villa on Sunday when he again demonstrated why he was picked for the Professional Footballers' Association Premiership select XI.

"We believe he [James] is the best keeper in the country. squad," Evans said. "He is looking a worthy successor to Tommy Lawrence, Ray Clemence and Bruce Grobbelsar he is potentially better than

any of them." James's performances are among the less-trumpeted reasons for Liverpool's long run of success. There are more obvious ones. "I don't think even Pelé would have got back

into the side, they were playing so well." Redknapp said after his spell watching from the bench as he waited for his Ironically, it was a rare

error by James that gave Newcastle a win in the meet-November, beginning a troubled month for Liverpool. The defeats by Brondby and Newcastle really took the wind out of our sails, because we played so well in both of them we didn't deserve to lose," Evans said. "With them [Newcastle] beating us in the Coca-Cola Cup tie as well, we've a couple of scores to

come in.

get on with it." Batty, the

midfield player recruited from

Wasim Akram, put Sri Lanka

in to bat, believing there to be

moisture in the pitch to help

his bowlers. After three overs

Grimberg said that Jaya-

suriya's performance should

help to put Singapore on the

cricket map. The match was

the opening fixture of the first

international tournament

sanctioned by the ICC to be

staged there, a triangular

event also involving India,

whom Sri Lanka meet today.

line and a new national stadi-

um will be ready next year.

The Padang, where the match

the score was 40 for one.

Liverpool may have to make Blackburn Rovers, said. "It has been stop-start ever since I one change from the team that played on Sunday. Neil Rudcame to the club." dock injured a knee in training Those interruptions have yesterday and will have a late not helped Newcastle to inte-

test to see if he can play his last grate Batty and Asprilla into game before beginning a twothe team and a defeat tonight would confirm suspicions that match suspension Saturday, With Babb injured, Steve Harkness will at the wrong time; that view receives little sympathy inside St James' Park. People can Newcastle have everyone fit and, reportedly, raring to go write us off if they want," after their two-week break. In Terry McDermott, the Newall, they have played only castle assistant manager, said. three games during the five The only answer is to win the weeks since signing David championship. I think we will: we are good enough." Batty. "We've had enough hanging about, we just want to

Tonight's match will reveal well-founded McDermott's conviction is.

# **Brolin** left in sorry state after prank backfires

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TOMAS BROLIN has apologised to Howard Wilkinson. the Leeds United manager, after an April Fool's Day prank backfired. The Sweden striker, whose future at Elland Road is in doubt, told Swedish television reporters that he was going to finish the football season on Ioan to Norrköping.

It was meant to be a joke, with Brolin adding that he hoped to play for another team in Europe next season. However, the interview was picked up by news agencies and relayed around the world. much to the player's embarrassment. The result was a flurry of calls to Leeds officials late on Monday night, when the story broke in England.

Wilkinson, who paid Parma E4.5 million for Brolin in November, said yesterday: "I have spoken to Tomas, who gave permission for Swedish TV to conduct an April Fool's Day interview. He has been surprised by the stir it caused.

My chairman, Leslie Siler, managing director Bill Fotherby and myself all received calls about this on Monday night. Tomas has apologised to me and will apologise to the chairman and the managing director in

It is thought that Wilkinson may now have second thoughts about playing Broiin in the FA Carling Premiership match against Southampton at Elland Road tonight, although the decision will be taken out of his hands if Brolin fails to recover from the viral infection that ruled him out of the match against Middles-brough last Saturday.

The latest incident is unlikely to prolong Brolin's future in England. He was disappointed not to have been given a place in the starting line-up against Aston Villa at Wern-bley in the Coca-Cola Cup final, and he has hardly figured in Wilkinson's plans since arriving.

to take no action against Lee Sharpe, of Manchester United, and Nicky Summerbee, of Manchester City. after a recent report in the News of the World. The clubs "have exonerated ... [them] of any involvement with drug abuse," an FA spokesman said.

Hughes on brink, page 40 Dalglish in demand, page 40

### Sri Lanka batsman smashes his way to fastest one-day century Simon Wilde applauds a rousing encore Sohail, captaining Pakistan in the absence of the injured

to Jayasuriya's World Cup exploits

AS ONE of sport's most worn clichés goes, records are only there to be broken. But, when they are smashed in such spectacular style as that displayed by Sanath Jayasuriya yesterday, when he hit the fastest hundred in one-day international cricket, it would be careless of those in the game not to take special

Few who played in or watched the World Cup earlier this year will be surprised that Jayasuriya, the Sri Lanka all-rounder who was named player of the tournament, has deprived India's Mohammad Azharuddin of the record he had held since December 1988. when he reached a century against New Zealand off 62

But, what was unexpected was that Jayasuriya, who was playing against Pakistan in Singapore, would slice 14 deliveries off the record, an improvement of almost 25 per cent. It is like a sprinter reducing Leroy Burrell's best time for 100 metres from 9.85sec to 7.62sec.

Jayasuriya made his own assault on England's bowlers during the World Cup - when he scored 82 from 44 balls look pedestrian. His first 50 came from 31 balls, his second from 17 and, when he was out in the 21st over, he had caned 134 from 65 deliveries. Sri Lanka were then 196 for two. but they "collapsed" and finished with 349, enough to give them victory by 34 runs.

"It was incredible stuff," Joe Grimberg, the president of the Singapore Cricket Association, said. "He just reminded me of Garry Sobers, the way he hit everything. He became rather impatient in the 130s and got himself out. The

27 runs. The match aggregate of 664 runs has also never

Pakistan bowling was ragged at the start, with Wagar Younis pitching short, but they tightened up a lot after Jayasuriya was out." Jayasuriya broke two other

one-day international records. He hit II sixes - three more than the total achieved by Gordon Greenidge - and took 29 runs off one over from Aamir Sohail, who also delivered a wide. Previously, the most expensive over had cost been exceeded. "Although the Padang ground is small it is within the

specifications laid down by the International Cricket Council (ICC)," Grimberg said. "Of Jayasuriya's II sixes I should say nine would have cleared the boundary on most Test grounds. Also, he hit Il fours, although the grass on the outfield was quite long." More games are in the pipe-

> was played, is no more than a maidan and a crowd of only 1,000 was in attendance. For such a fast operator, Jayasuriya, 26, took a long time to play himself in at international level. He first played for Sri Lanka in 1989 but it was five years before the left-hander scored his first century. But this year has seen a breakthrough. In January, he took his maiden Test hundred off Australia and followed up with his spectacular success at the World Cup. "I didn't realise I had reached a record," he said. "We needed a big score and we had to hit out. Any score on this small ground is not safe. I played my normal game and

got runs. I saw the ball early." Which landmark will be rendered obsolete next? Will Jayasuriya be the first to score 200 in a one-day international? Will Sri Lanka, who ran up 398 against Kenya at the World Cup, be the first team past 400 and 500? What on earth will happen when they turn their attentions to Test cricket's staid patterns?

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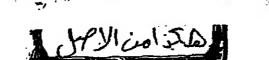
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